

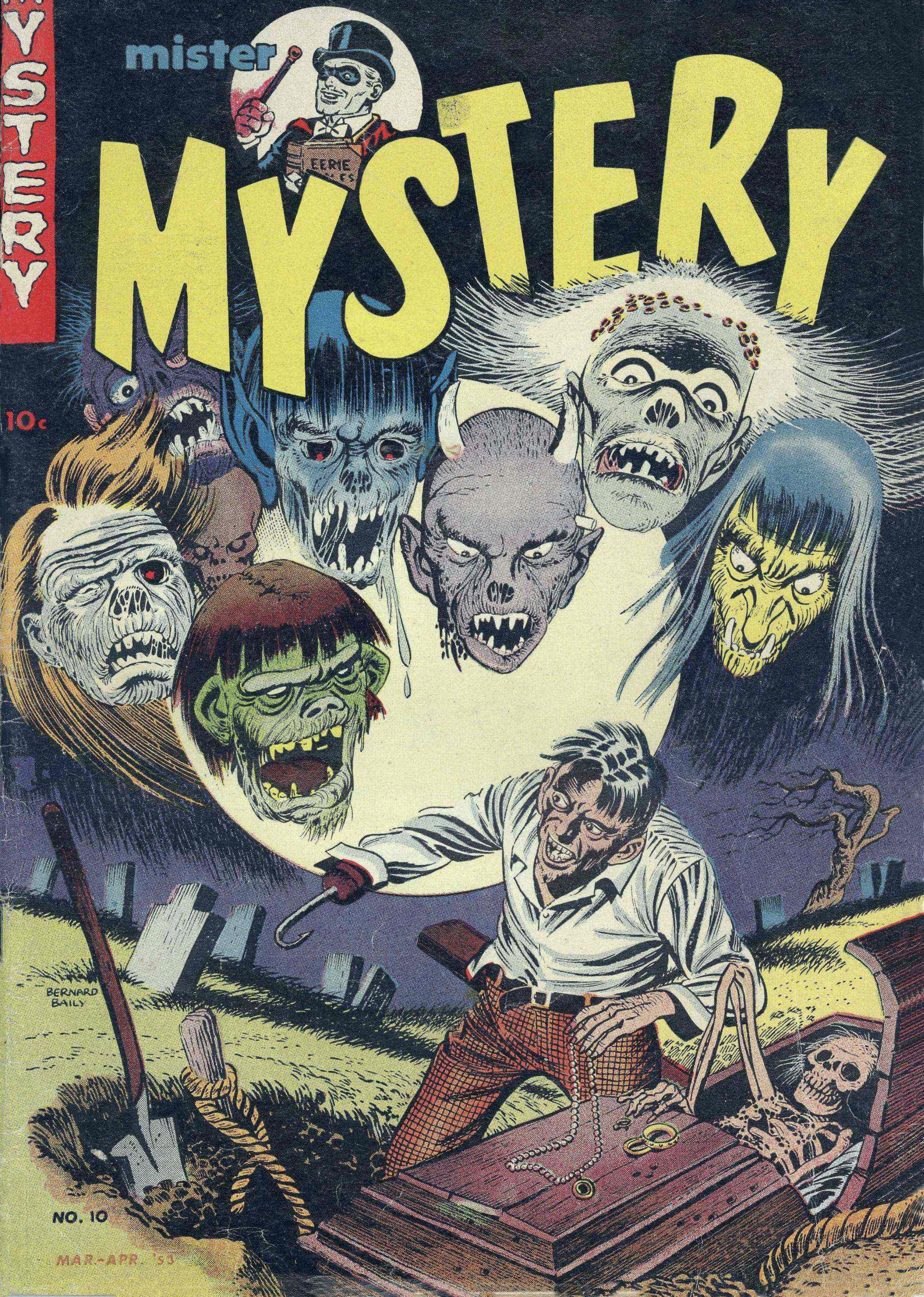
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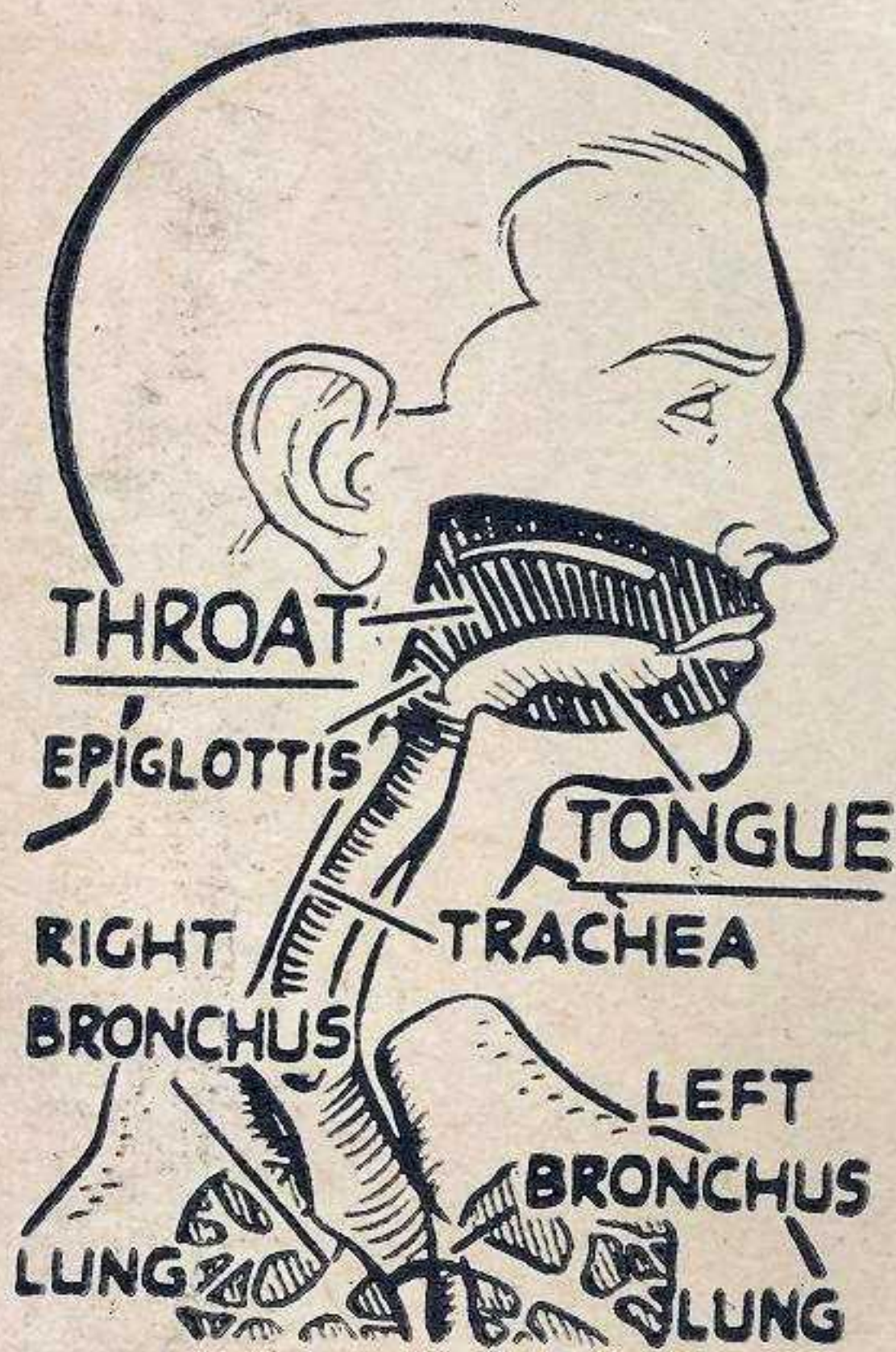
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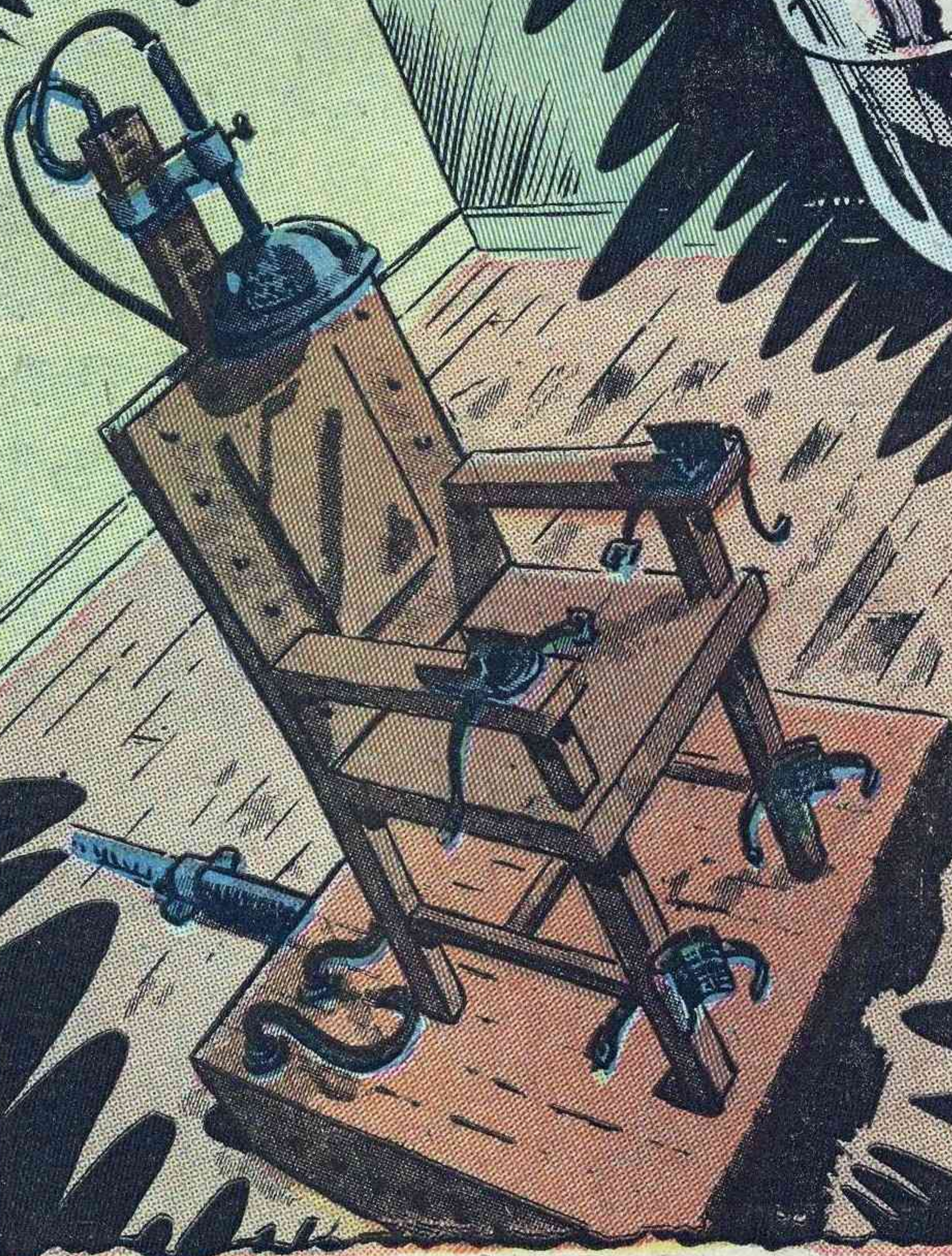
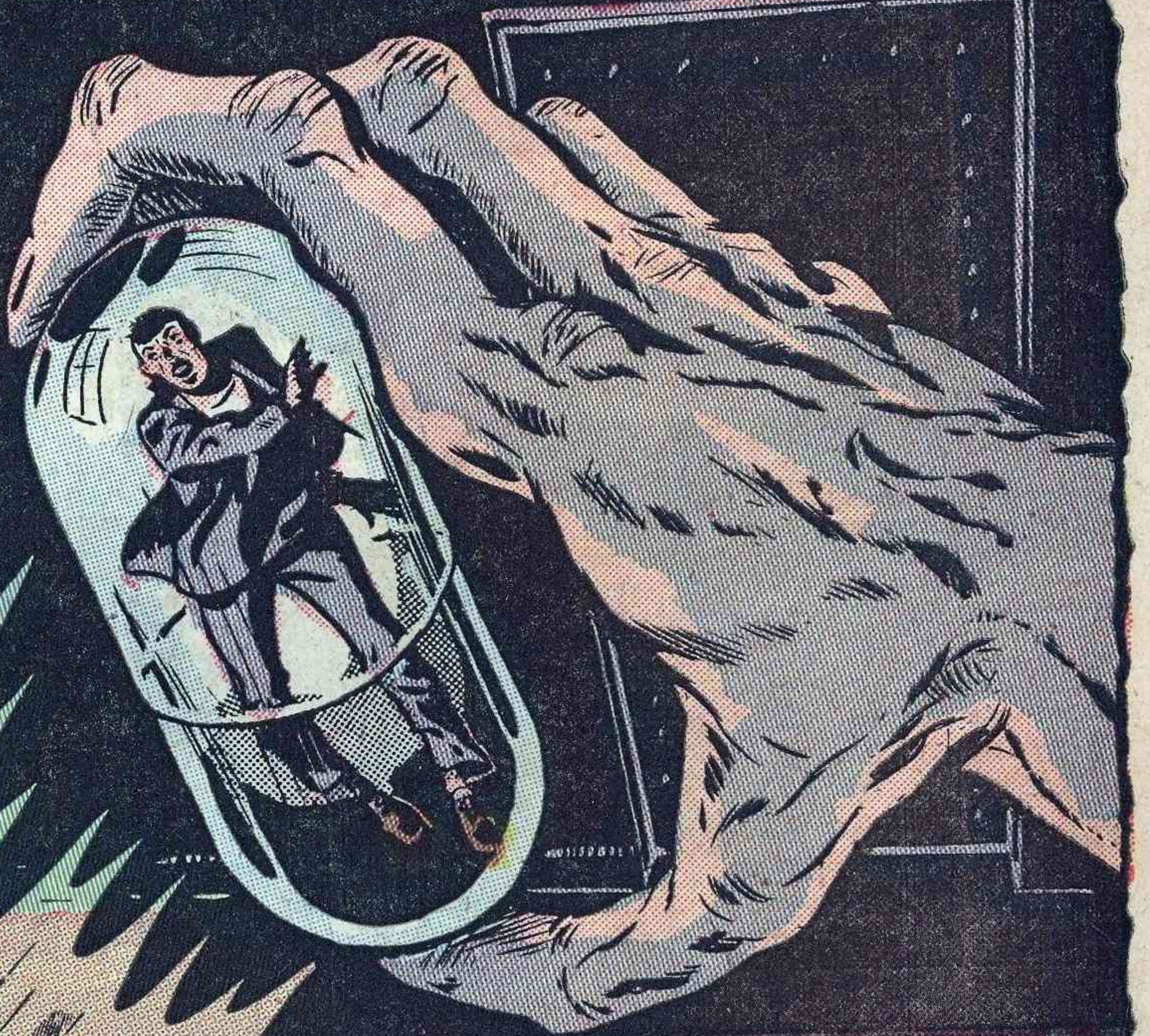
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WHAT DOES A MAN THINK OF WHEN HE'S GOING TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR? OF HIS CRIME? NO! OF HIS LIFE? NO! HE THINKS OF **ESCAPE!** THIS IS A STORY OF SUCH AN ESCAPE... OF A MAN WHO PUT HIS FAITH IN A...

CAPSULE!



OUR STORY STARTS AT THE STATE PRISON...



IN THE DEATH CELL, TO BE EXACT! THE CELL OF JOHNNY KILEY... MURDERER!



ONLY **THREE DAYS LEFT** AND STILL NO WORD FROM DOC... I'M BEGINNING TO WORRY!



HE'D BETTER NOT LET ME DOWN! I'M NOT GONNA DIE... NOT ME, NOT JOHNNY KILEY!



UUUUGGHH! A **MOUSE!** THINGS AREN'T BAD ENOUGH NOW-- I GOTTA HAVE COMPANY IN MY CELL! BUT I'M CHOOSEY, SO IT AIN'T GONNA BE YOU!



GUESS IT'S JUST MY **NERVES!** THIS STIR'LL DRIVE ANYONE **CRAZY!** DOC'LL COME THROUGH... PROBABLY NEEDS A LITTLE MORE **TIME!**



THE NEXT MORNING-- TWO DAYS LEFT!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, COPPER? CAME TO LOOK AT THE **CONDEMNED MAN?**

NAAW, YOU DON'T INTEREST ME, PUNK! YOU'VE GOT A **VISITOR**, THAT'S ALL!



ALL RIGHT, KILEY, FIVE MINUTES. THAT'S ALL YOU GET!

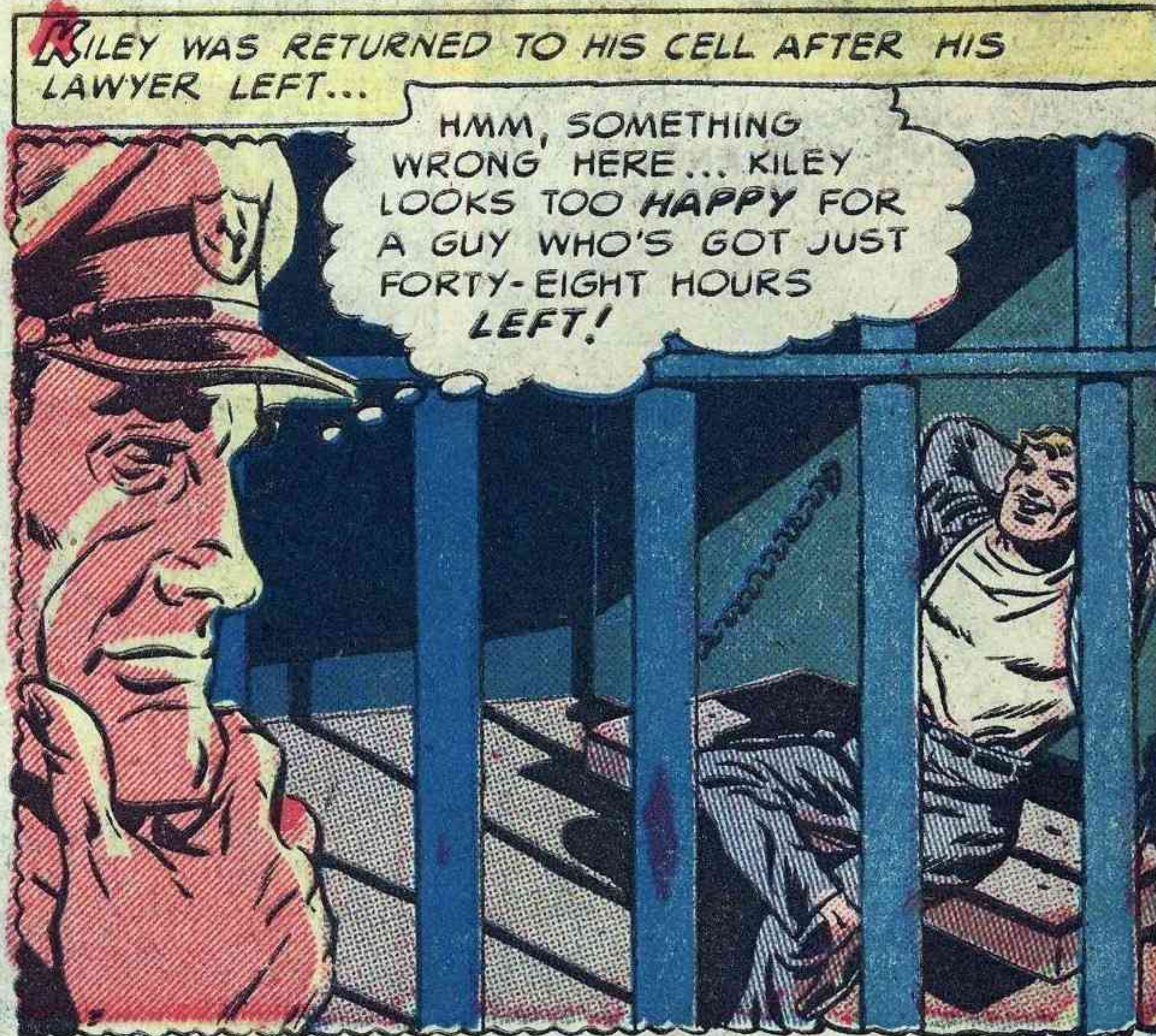
LAWYER CRUMP! I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU... I WANT DOC... WHERE IS HE?

DOC THOUGHT IT WISER IF HE LEFT EVERYTHING UP TO ME! I HAVE THE CAPSULE IN MY HAND!



QUICK, PASS IT OVER! THE GUARD'S NOT WATCHING!

GOOD! IF THIS WORKS LIKE IT DID ON DOC'S MICE WE'LL HAVE EVERY PRISON IN THE COUNTRY EMPTY IN A MONTH!

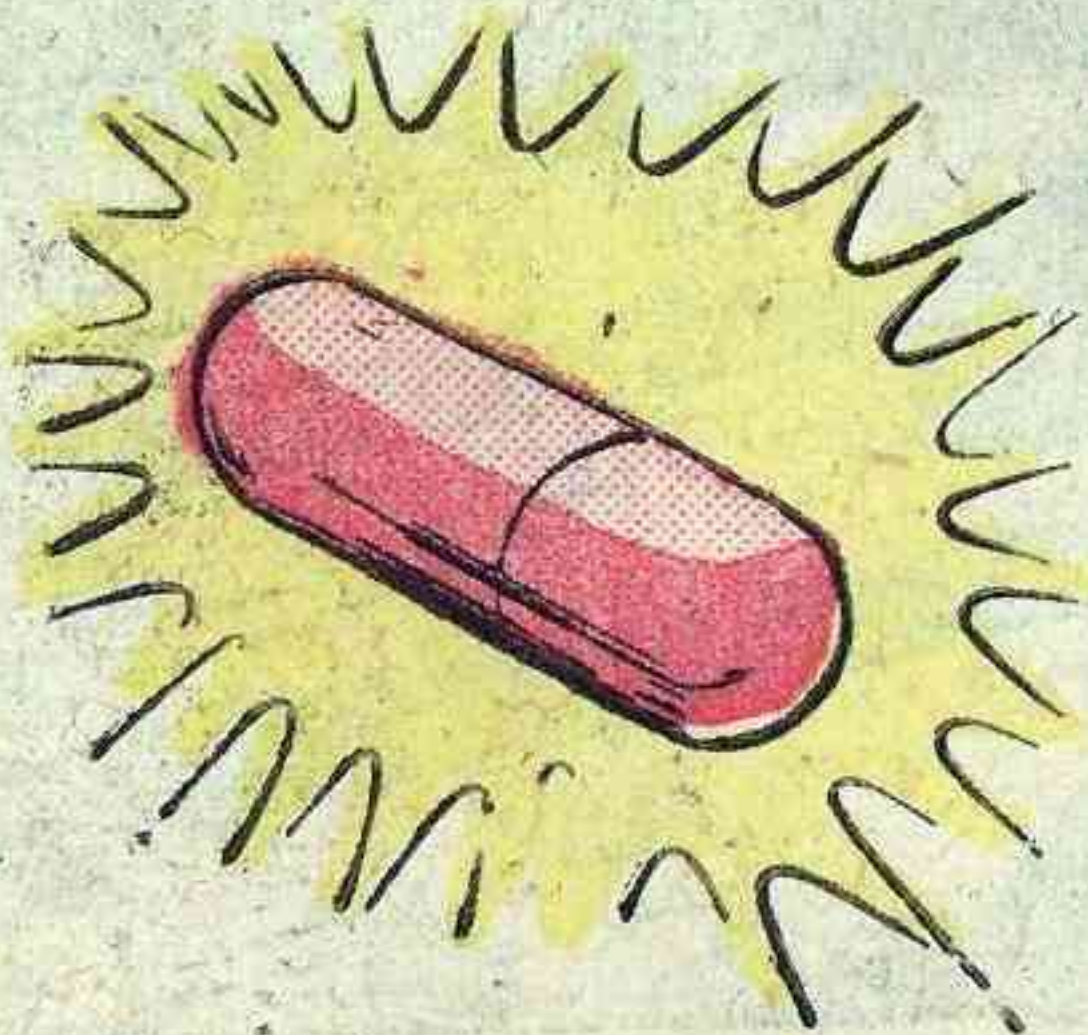


KILEY WAS RETURNED TO HIS CELL AFTER HIS LAWYER LEFT...

HMM, SOMETHING WRONG HERE... KILEY LOOKS TOO HAPPY FOR A GUY WHO'S GOT JUST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS LEFT!



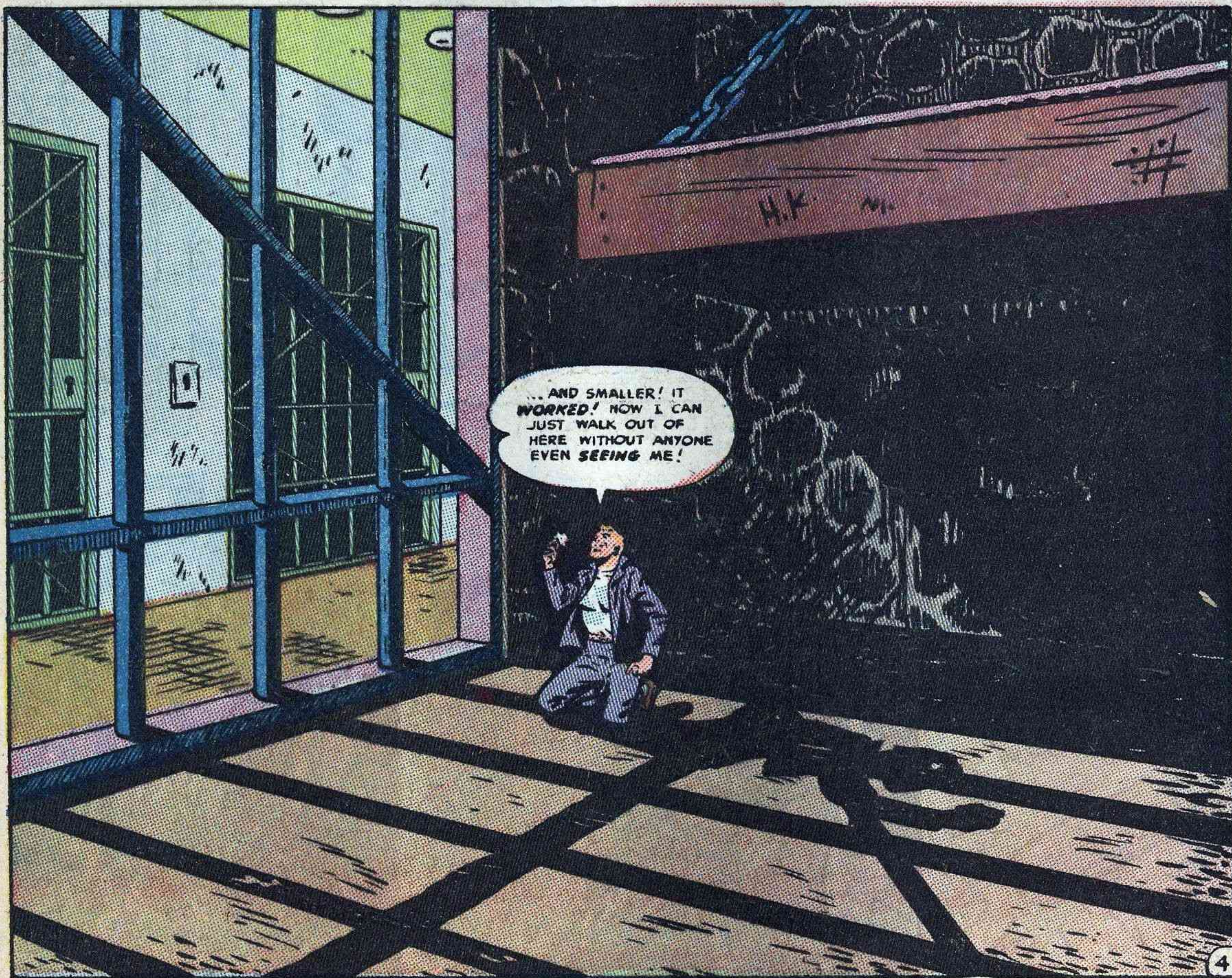
THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER, KILEY WAS HAPPY! AND HE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO BE! FOR IN THAT FLEETING SECOND LAWYER CRUMP HAD GIVEN HIM HIS TICKET TO FREEDOM! A TICKET THAT WAS WRAPPED UP INSIDE A TINY CAPSULE!



GOOD OLD DOC, I KNEW HE WOULDN'T LET ME DOWN! NOW ALL I GOTTA DO IS SWALLOW THIS...



... WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING!



YES, IT WORKED... AND KILEY BECAME SMALL -- EVEN SMALLER THAN...



...THE MOUSE!
IT'S...

NO... NO... DON'T... DON'T...
AAARRRGH!



I TELL YOU,
CAPTAIN... HE
WAS JUST TOO
HAPPY TO
SUIT ME!

LOOK! THE
CELL'S EMPTY...
HE'S **GONE!**



BUT IT WAS
LOCKED! HOW
COULD HE HAVE
GOTTEN OUT?

HE COULDN'T
HAVE ... SOME-
THIN' WEIRD
ABOUT THIS...



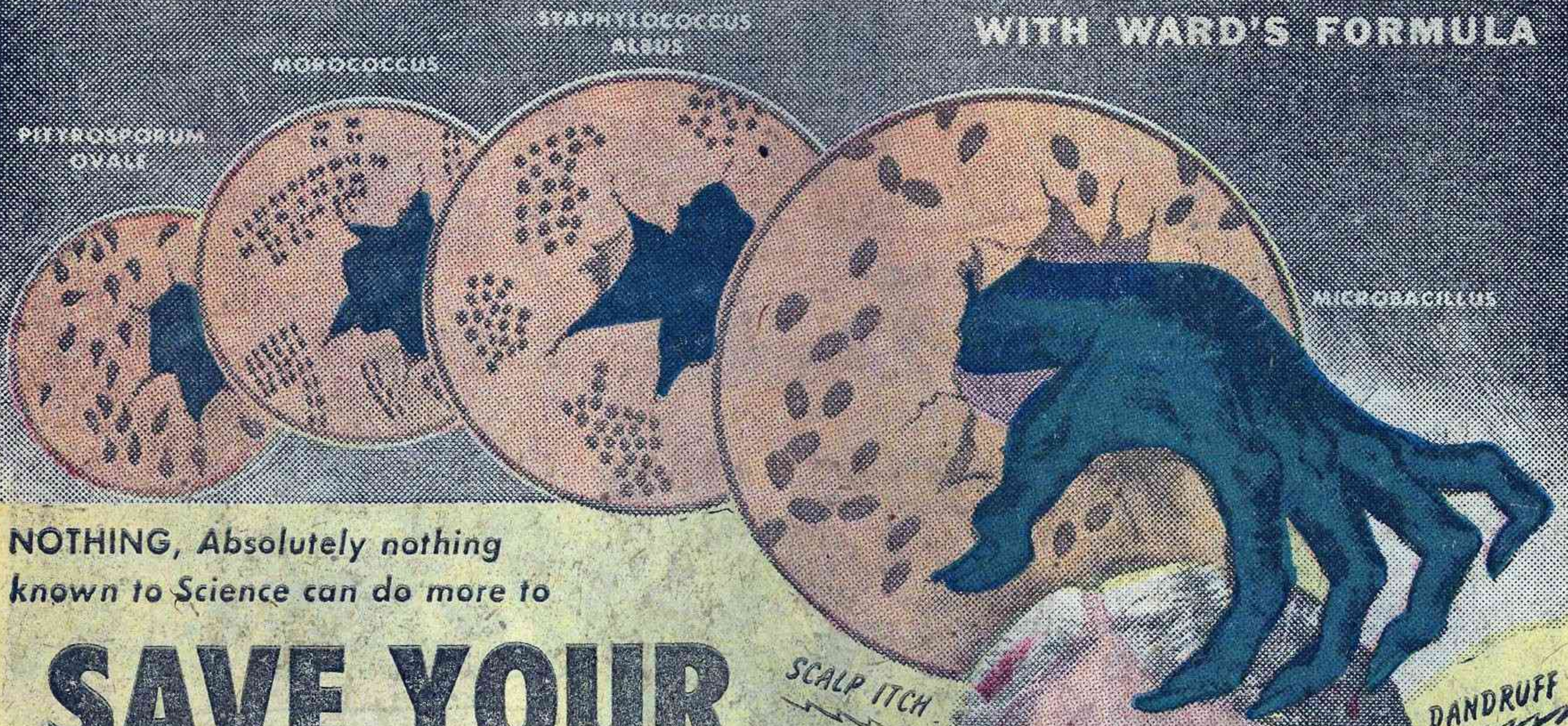
OH, WELL-- THE
BEST LAID PLANS
OF **MICE** AND
MEN... KILEY
THOUGHT HE
WAS THE WHOLE
CHEESE... AND THEN,
HE ALWAYS DID CALL HIS
CELL A **MOUSETRAP**
DIDN'T HE? HEH...
HEH... HEH...



The End

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E. K., Cleveland, Ohio

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C. La M., Philadelphia, Pa.

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R. W. C., Cicero, Ill.

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Don't want to influence any of you, but you gotta watch out for these arty guys. **THEY'LL REALLY KILL YA** if you aren't ready for them. Here's a tantalizing tale about one of them, I call it...

MODERN DESIGN!



MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SELL ANY OF IT... NOBODY CAN UNDERSTAND IT!

BUT THEY WILL! JUST GIVE THEM TIME! AND ONCE IT CATCHES ON IT'LL SELL LIKE WILD-FIRE! WE'LL BE ON TOP OF THE WORLD BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR OVER THREE YEARS NOW! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! SOMETHING BETTER HAPPEN... AND SOON!

IT WILL, DARLING, IT WILL! JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME... THAT'S ALL I NEED... A LITTLE MORE TIME...





HEH...HEH...HEH...WE MEN WILL NEVER LEARN, WILL WE? YOU JUST CAN'T ARGUE WITH A WOMAN! LONNY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT... HE JUST WENT RIGHT ON WORKING... WORKING... WORKING!



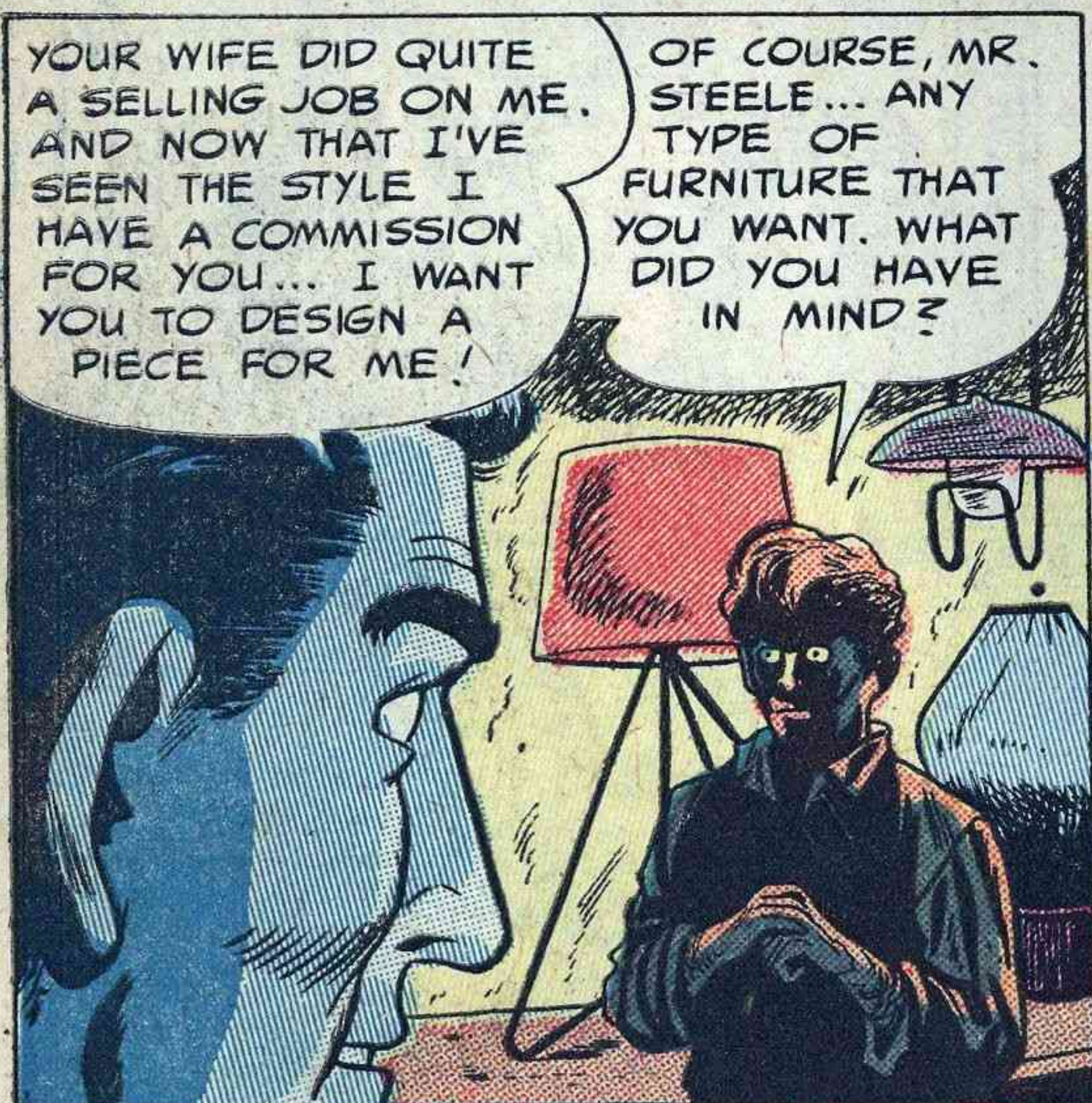
I'VE GOT TO BE A SUCCESS, I'VE JUST GOT TO! AND AS SOON AS MY DESIGNS HAVE THEIR EXHIBITION I KNOW I WILL... I CAN'T MISS!



LATER THAT DAY...

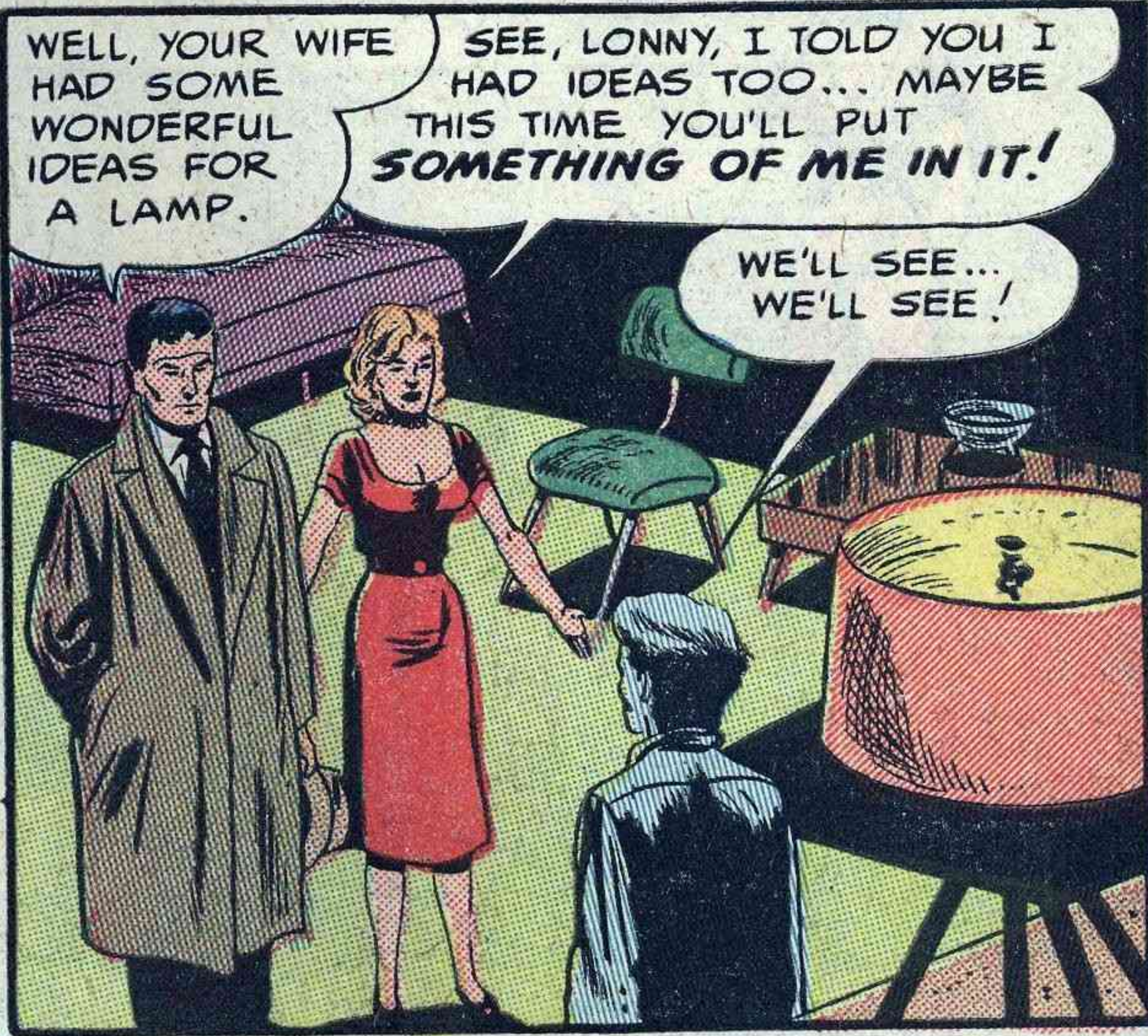
LONNY, I WANT YOU TO MEET MR. STEELE. I TOLD HIM ABOUT YOUR FURNITURE AND HE'S VERY INTERESTED!

AND NOW THAT I SEE IT, I'M EVEN MORE INTERESTED! YOU'VE MADE A SALE, YOUNG LADY!



YOUR WIFE DID QUITE A SELLING JOB ON ME. AND NOW THAT I'VE SEEN THE STYLE I HAVE A COMMISSION FOR YOU... I WANT YOU TO DESIGN A PIECE FOR ME!

OF COURSE, MR. STEELE... ANY TYPE OF FURNITURE THAT YOU WANT. WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?



WELL, YOUR WIFE HAD SOME WONDERFUL IDEAS FOR A LAMP.

SEE, LONNY, I TOLD YOU I HAD IDEAS TOO... MAYBE THIS TIME YOU'LL PUT **SOMETHING OF ME IN IT!**

WE'LL SEE... WE'LL SEE!



NOW REMEMBER, I'M VERY HARD TO PLEASE. IF I DON'T LIKE THE LAMP I REFUSE TO BUY IT!

OH, I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE IT!... JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!



A WHILE LATER...

IT WORKED! HE DOESN'T SUSPECT THERE'S A THING BETWEEN US!

THAT GUY IS TOO WRAPPED UP IN THAT FURNITURE OF HIS TO SUSPECT ANYTHING! WELL, HERE'S TO SUCCESS IN OUR LITTLE SCHEME!

HEH...HEH...HEH...GET THE PLOT? WELL LONNY DIDN'T... HE WAS TOO HAPPY WORKING ON HIS NEW COMMISSION... AT LAST HE HAD WHAT HE WANTED... SOMEONE INTERESTED IN HIS **MODERN DESIGN!**

WAIT'LL HE SEES THIS! IT'LL KNOCK HIS EYES OUT... THIS SHOULD BE JUST WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR!

A FEW DAYS LATER...

HELLO, MR. STEELE... YES, IT'S FINISHED... I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE IT... OKAY, SEE YOU LATER IN THE AFTERNOON THEN... 'BYE...'

AND THAT AFTERNOON...

WELL, THERE IT IS! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

THAT MONSTROSITY! IT'S TERRIBLE! NOTHING AT ALL LIKE WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

THIS IS A PIECE OF GARBAGE, ONLY AN IMBECILE COULD THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, MAKE MY HOUSE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE... JUST ONE MORE CHANCE, MR. STEELE!

WELL, ALL RIGHT, BUT THIS TIME LISTEN TO YOUR WIFE... PUT **SOMETHING OF HER IN IT!** SHE HAS SUCH WONDERFUL IDEAS!

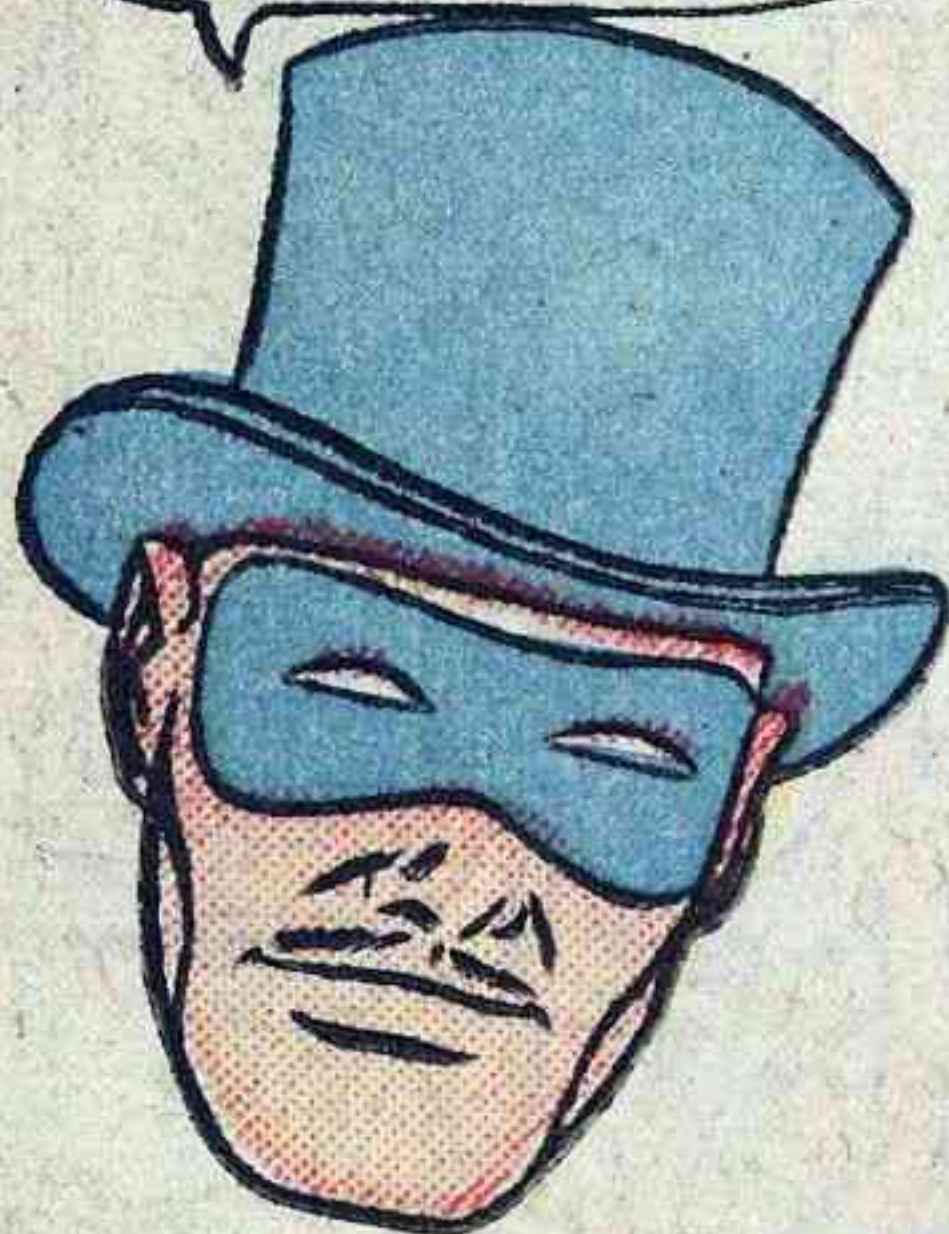
SEE, I TOLD YOU!

THAT EVENING...

DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON HIS FACE... I'LL NEVER FORGET IT!

I THINK HE'S GOING TO CRACK, RUTH... JUST A FEW MORE INCIDENTS LIKE TODAY AND HE'LL BE A RAVING LUNATIC... THEN THERE'LL BE NOTHING IN OUR WAY... **NOTHING!**

DIABOLICAL SCHEME, EH WHAT? DRIVE A GENIUS MAD BY INSULTING HIS CREATIONS... IT WASN'T HARD TO THINK UP... NOT WHEN YOUR GENIUS WAS LONNY...



I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY MR. STEELE DIDN'T LIKE IT... THAT STUFF IS JUNK... OF WHAT USE IS IT?

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND. IT'S **FUNCTIONAL!** EVERYTHING HAS A USE... BESIDES THE ORIGINAL BEAUTY OF THE DESIGN!



MAYBE YOU'D DO BETTER IF YOU'D LISTEN TO MR. STEELE... **PUT SOME-THING OF ME** IN YOUR WORK... I HAVE SOME GOOD IDEAS, YOU KNOW!

OH LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT... BESIDES I HAVE TO GO UPTOWN FOR THE REST OF THE DAY. I'LL BE BACK LATE TONIGHT, SO DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME.



"BUT LONNY FINISHED WORK EARLIER THAN HE THOUGHT, AND RETURNED TO FIND..."

WHY, IT'S MR. STEELE AND RUTH? FUNNY THAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS WAS A TWO-WAY MIRROR... A REAL **FUNCTIONAL** PIECE. WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?



BUT IT'S TAKING SO LONG... I DON'T THINK IT'LL WORK!

OF COURSE IT WILL, DARLING... ALL WE NEED IS A LITTLE MORE TIME, THAT'S ALL. HE'LL REALLY CRACK WHEN I TELL HIM WHAT I THINK OF HIS NEXT MODEL!



OH DARLING, I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL WE'RE RID OF HIM... WHY DON'T WE JUST DO AWAY WITH HIM!

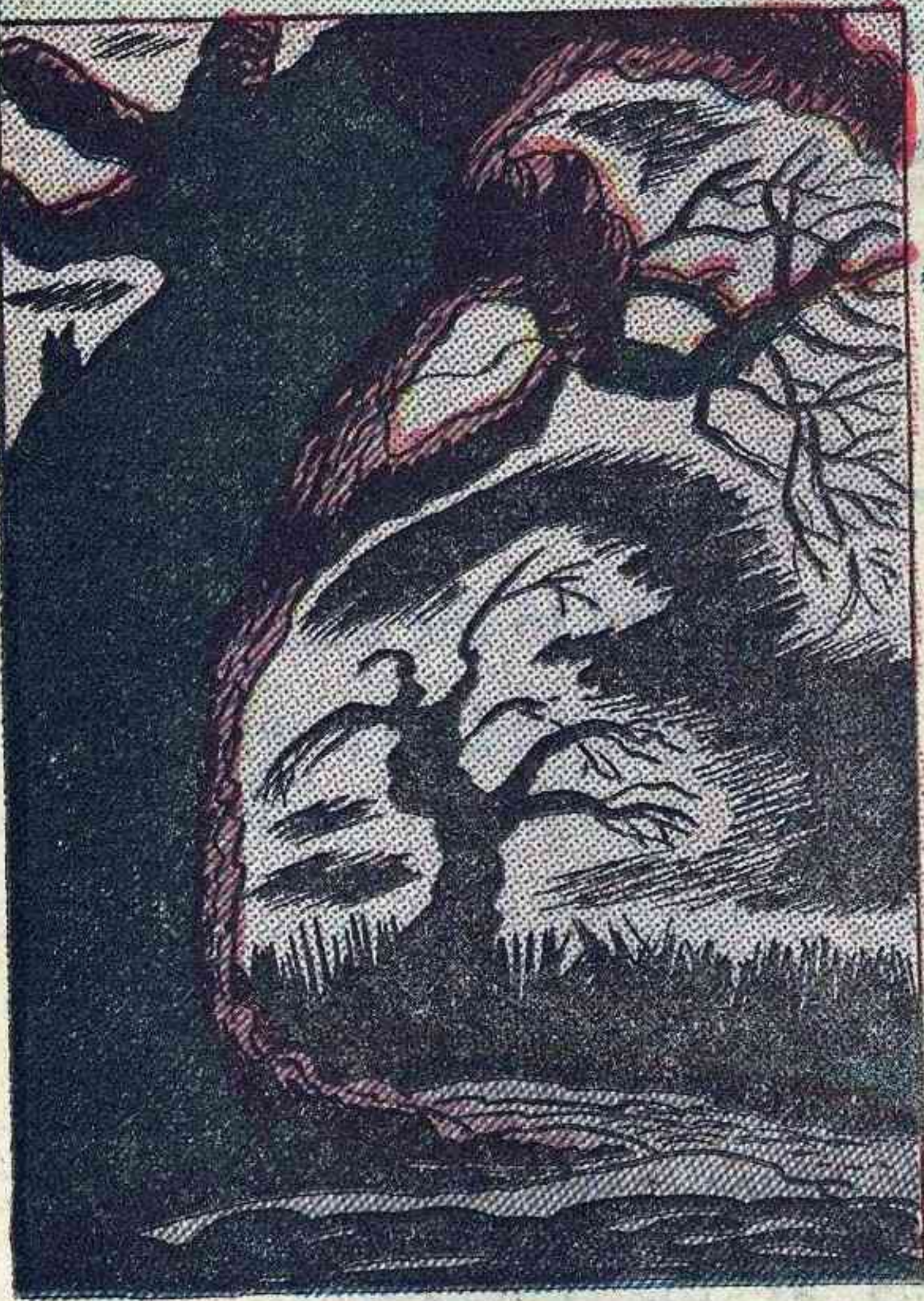
THE POLICE MIGHT SUSPECT SOMETHING... THIS IS THE BEST WAY!



I CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT... I'VE GOT TO DESTROY THEM... LIKE THEY INTENDED TO DESTROY ME!



THE FURIES OPENED UP AND SPENT THEIR WRATH ON EARTH, FOR SOMEWHERE ON THIS MORTAL SPHERE MAYHEM WAS OCCURING... **MURDER** WAS TAKING PLACE...



LONNY WORKED HARD THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND THEN...

BUT MR. STEELE ISN'T HOME.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT... HE'S EXPECTING ME! I HAVE SOMETHING FOR HIM! SO I'LL JUST WAIT INSIDE FOR HIM!



A FEW HOURS LATER...

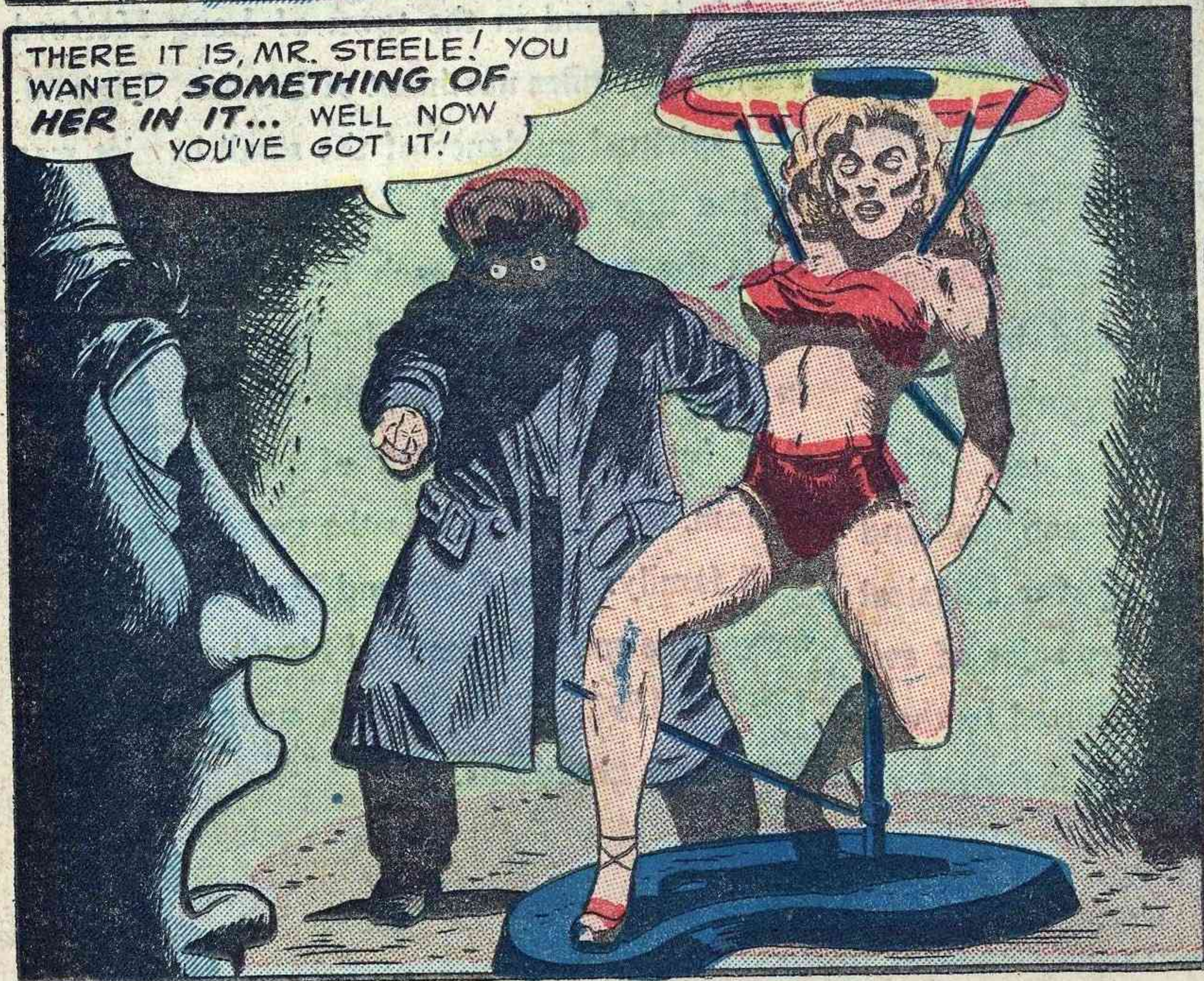
THE MAID TOLD ME THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO SEE ME... WHO IS IT? WHAT ARE YOU SITTING IN THE DARK FOR?



IT'S ONLY ME, MR. STEELE... LONNY, YES, IT IS RATHER DARK IN HERE. MAYBE I'D BETTER TURN ON YOUR NEW LAMP!



THERE IT IS, MR. STEELE! YOU WANTED SOMETHING OF HER IN IT... WELL NOW YOU'VE GOT IT!



WELL, THAT ENDS OUR LITTLE TALE OF THE FURNITURE MAKER... GOT A LITTLE **STUFFY**, DIDN'T HE... BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR WIFE HAS **DESIGNS** OF HER OWN... HEH... HEH... HEH...



GHOSTS...WHAT ABOUT THEM?

In our first issue of **MISTER MYSTERY** we discussed eerie events which offered no explanation as to why they occurred. Because of the many letters we received, we have decided to discuss each subject of the supernatural on these pages for your enjoyment. And we will begin with . . . **GHOSTS** !

In this modern day and age, the phrase "Ghost" seems absurd, doesn't it? The era of reasoning and science has banished the ghost to the realm of legend and superstition. And yet the tales recorded here are accepted as genuine experiences. And there can be no reason for doubting these experiences . . . they were certainly real to the people who experienced them. Why should they lie, they had nothing to gain by it. Even so, their stories weren't accepted as true without checking them. But how does one test a ghost story? A ghost is not something that can be reproduced in a laboratory. One can only examine the evidence, and then try to come to some conclusion.

And so, a group of eminent scholars, authors and scientists in England began investigating these mysterious happenings to see if there could be any truth to them. They called the apparitions "physic phenomena" and the group took the name Society for Physical Research. They agreed on strict rules of evidence, investigated the cases reported to them, and published their findings in a series of re-

ports called, "Proceedings." For the first time, a ghost story was subjected to the same kind of examination that was accorded to a witness in a court of law.

They divided ghosts and other phenomena into the following categories: quiet type, noisy ones, other types, restored scenes of the past, apparitions at the moment of death, ghosts with a mission, those that come and go and miscellaneous. We will discuss each type on these pages, and invite you readers to discuss them with us after reading our evidence. We will merely state each incident as it has been recorded and investigated, and the comments of you readers on each case will be printed in later issues . . . maybe between us we can come to some conclusion.

Our first type is the quiet type of ghost, and it is found in the town of Long Melford about sixty miles northeast of London, England. The spiritual guidance of the small hamlet was in the tiny church at the outskirts of town. It is the custom of each town to carry in a salaried position a rector for the church, which in this case dated from the twelfth century. And by a strange quirk of church law and custom, this position was the possession of the Bull family. The Reverend Henry D. E. Bull served the spiritual needs of his tiny flock from 1862 to 1892. Then he was succeeded by his sons, and grandsons.

A visitor, calling at the rectory, would be surprised to observe that the window at the left of the front door was bricked up, giving the effect of a blinded eye. This mortar work was the effort of the very first Reverend, Henry Bull. And the astonishing reason he gave was that he was constantly annoyed by the specter of a nun who habitually stood at the window and peered in at him while he sat at a table. Further inquiry revealed that this is the same nun who was, and still is, seen by countless other people through the ages.

Many legends developed to explain the specter of the nun. They varied from murder to love. But on these pages we do not accept legends as proof, so all we can state is that ages ago a nun from a nearby convent met a tragic death on the premises of the rectory, and ever since then she has "walked" the grounds.

These strange goings on (the apparition has appeared before countless people) came to the attention of Mr. Harry Price, member of the Society for Physical Research. Mr. Price is a frank skeptic, and nothing pleases him better than the opportunity to expose a fraud. And in June of 1929, along with his kit of instruments for testing out alleged hauntings he first went to the "haunted" rectory.

His first visit proved fruitful . . . for the nun made an appearance. As a further test

Mr. Price and his assistant, Mr. S. H. Glanville set up the table-tipping technique; if a spirit existed, it was to give one rap for a "no" answer, and three for "yes" in response to all questions.

The table began rocking promptly, and in response to the question, "Are you Henry Bull?" the answer was three raps! Then a message was worked out to the effect that the nun was sad because she wanted a Christian burial, that she had been interred in the southwest side of the rectory under a fir tree. Sure enough, a skeleton was found under a stone with the letter B.

Shortly afterwards, and in her home, Mr. Glanville's daughter Helen attempted the table-tipping experiment. This time the alleged communicator was the nun herself. This is her story: her name was Mary Lairre, and she came from Le Havre. She was nineteen when she died on May 17th, 1667. Death was by strangling by a man named Waldegrave who had taken her from the convent at Bures. She was unhappy, and "walked" because she never had a proper burial. She also stated that a monk was buried in the garden near her.

That's the complete story as we have the facts. A hoax? Perhaps, but we doubt it! Now let's hear your theories on this, the first of our ghost stories.

BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead... according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's good night!"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man"... super at track, games, sports of all kinds... who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it—with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

Just be clean! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!



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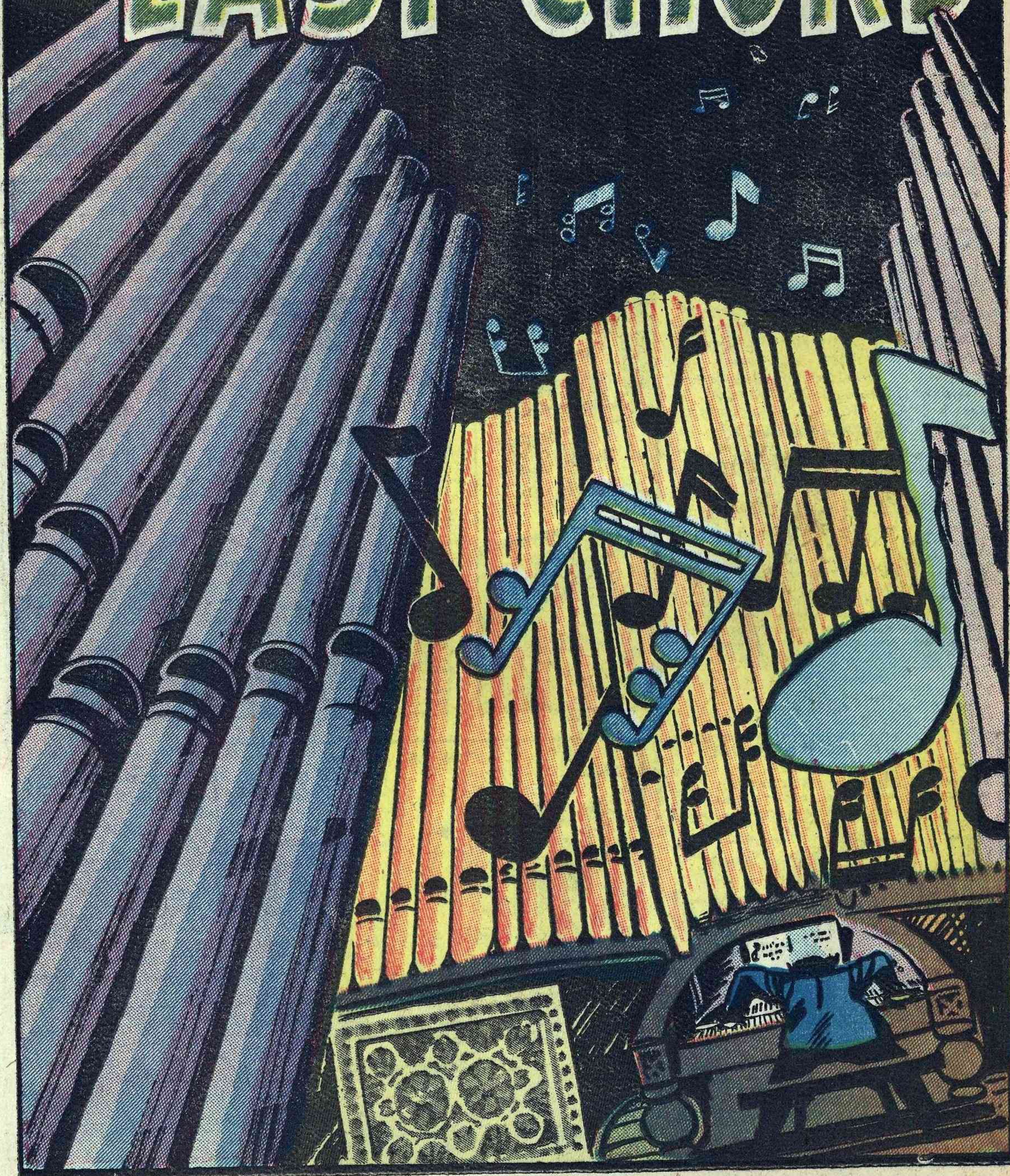
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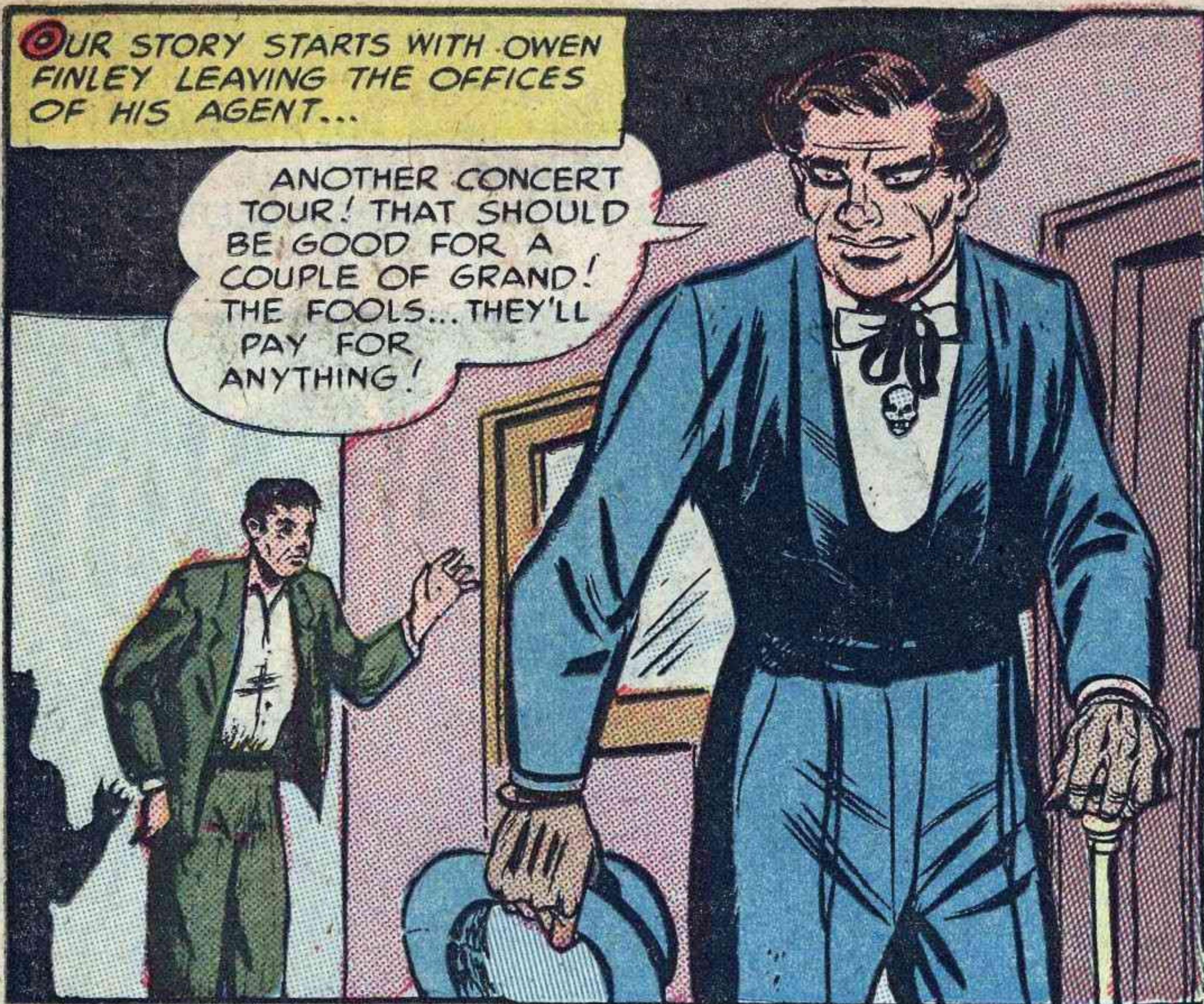
OWEN FINLEY WAS A THIEF... HE DIDN'T STEAL MONEY... HE DIDN'T HOLD UP BANKS... BUT HE WAS STILL A CRIMINAL! FOR HE ROBBED PEOPLE'S MINDS! HE STOLE THEIR CREATIONS AND THEN PASSED THEM OFF AS HIS OWN! THIS IS THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN FINLEY WAS FORCED TO CREATE HIS OWN MASTERPIECE... AND OF HOW HE SUCCEEDED... THAT IS UNTIL HE CAME TO...

The LAST CHORD



OUR STORY STARTS WITH OWEN FINLEY LEAVING THE OFFICES OF HIS AGENT...

ANOTHER CONCERT TOUR! THAT SHOULD BE GOOD FOR A COUPLE OF GRAND! THE FOOLS... THEY'LL PAY FOR ANYTHING!

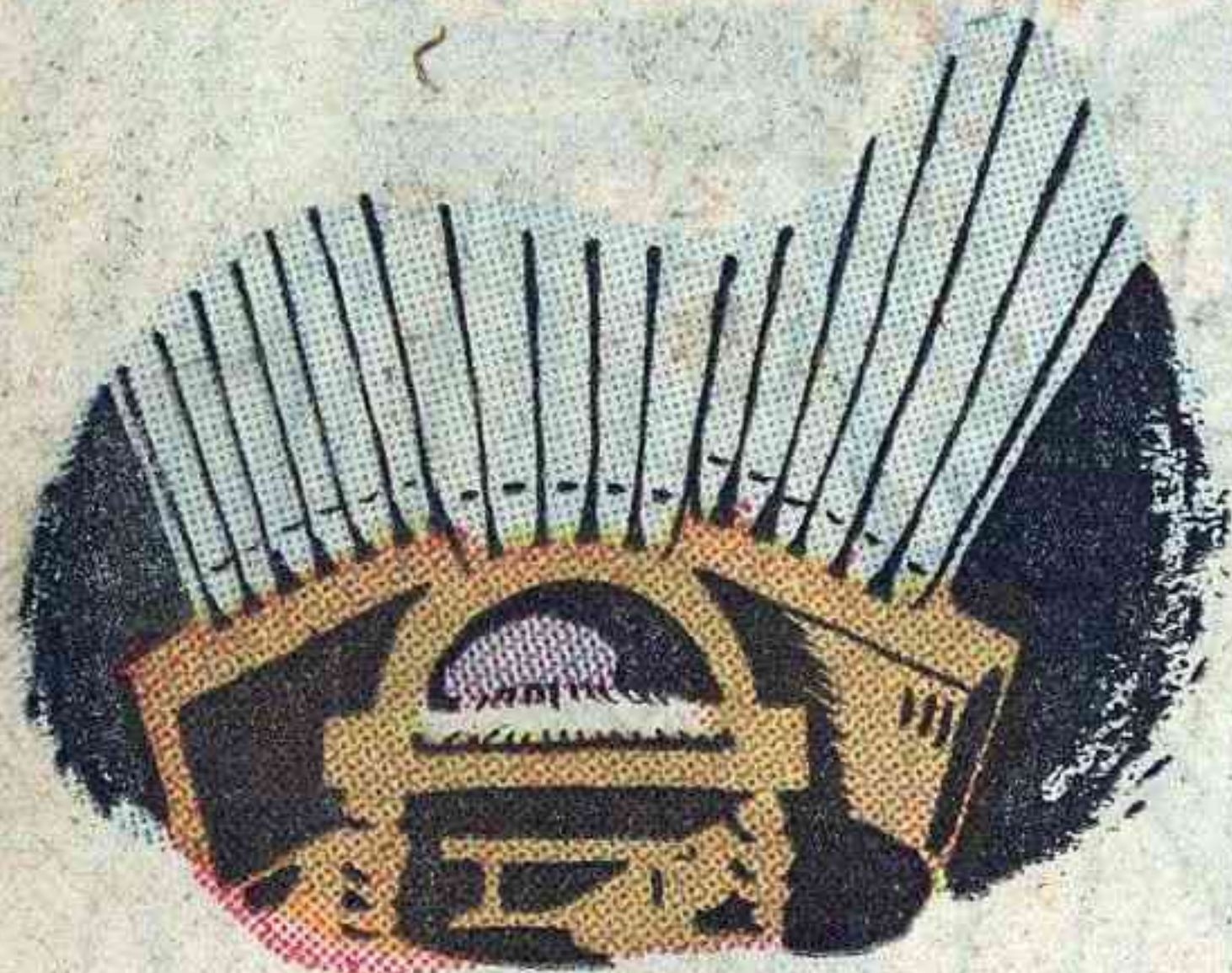


AT THAT INSTANT... MR. FINLEY! THAT WAS MY SYMPHONY YOU PLAYED LAST NIGHT. YOU STOLE IT FROM ME!

BUT WHO WILL BELIEVE YOU? IT'S YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE... NOW STOP BOTHERING ME OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!



AND THERE YOU HAVE MR. OWEN FINLEY, THE SYMPHONIC SWINDLER, WHO STOLE THE NOTES FROM MEN'S MINDS AND TURNED THEM INTO DOLLARS FOR HIS OWN POCKET! HERE WE FIND HIM GETTING READY FOR HIS CONCERT TOUR... HIS LATEST RHAPSODY OF ROBBERY!



WHERE IS THE FUGUE THAT KID FROM OHIO SENT ME... WHAT THE... WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

NEVER MIND THAT, MR. FINLEY... I HAVE AN INTERESTING PROPOSITION FOR YOU...



I'M ALWAYS INTERESTED IN A PROPOSITION... ESPECIALLY IF IT'S FINANCIAL!

IT IS! I WILL PAY YOU \$50,000 TO WRITE A COMPOSITION FOR ME!



...IT HAS TO BE A FUNERAL DIRGE... AND IT HAS TO BE FINISHED IN SEVEN DAYS!

A WEEK! THAT DOESN'T GIVE ME MUCH TIME! BUT I'LL DO IT... WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?



FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS A LOT OF MONEY TO PAY FOR A FUNERAL DIRGE... BUT THAT WAS NO CONCERN OF OWEN FINLEY'S. HIS ONLY CONCERN WAS THE \$50,000... AND HOW HE COULD GO ABOUT GETTING IT! THAT WAS TOUGH... THERE WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO GO OUT AND STEAL SOMEBODY ELSE'S. HE HAD TO WRITE IT HIMSELF! BUT HOW? HE COULDN'T WRITE A NOTE OF MUSIC!

\$50,000... THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN **WAITING** FOR... ONE BIG KILLING AND THEN I CAN GET OUT OF THIS **RACKET!** WHAT A SUCKER THAT GUY IS!



YES IT IS A LOT OF MONEY... AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO COLLECT IT IS TO WRITE A **DIRGE**... BUT HOW... HOW... **HOW!**

I'VE GOT TO **WRITE** IT... I CAN'T LET THAT **MONEY** JUST SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS... I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY... THERE MUST BE AN **ANSWER!**



SUDDENLY THE ANSWER APPEARED... SOMETHING **GUIDED** HIS FINGERS TO THE KEYBOARD AND THE FIRST SOLEMN NOTES OF THE **DIRGE** WERE HEARD. **UNSEEN HANDS** THAT GAVE OWEN FINLEY THE KEY TO THE \$50,000... AND THAT ALSO GAVE HIM THE **TALENT** THAT HE HAD ALWAYS LACKED!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, BUT SOMETHING IS **DRIVING** ME ON AND ON TO FINISH THIS **DIRGE!**



... AND I CAN'T STOP... I'VE GOT TO **WRITE** IT! EVEN THOUGH THE NOTES AREN'T MINE I CAN'T STOP!



ON AND ON THROUGH THE NIGHT HE WORKED! THROUGH THE NEXT DAY AND THEN THE NEXT NIGHT! IT WAS LIKE A PULSATING **FEVER** THAT ROSE HIGHER AND HIGHER TO A FEVERISH **PITCH**... A PITCH THAT CAME TO A CRASHING CRESCENDO AS HE APPROACHED... **THE LAST CHORD!**

I'VE GOT TO CONTINUE... I CAN'T... I MUST... GO... ON... ON... **ON!**



THE LAST CHORD! I MUSTN'T WRITE IT... I MUSTN'T...



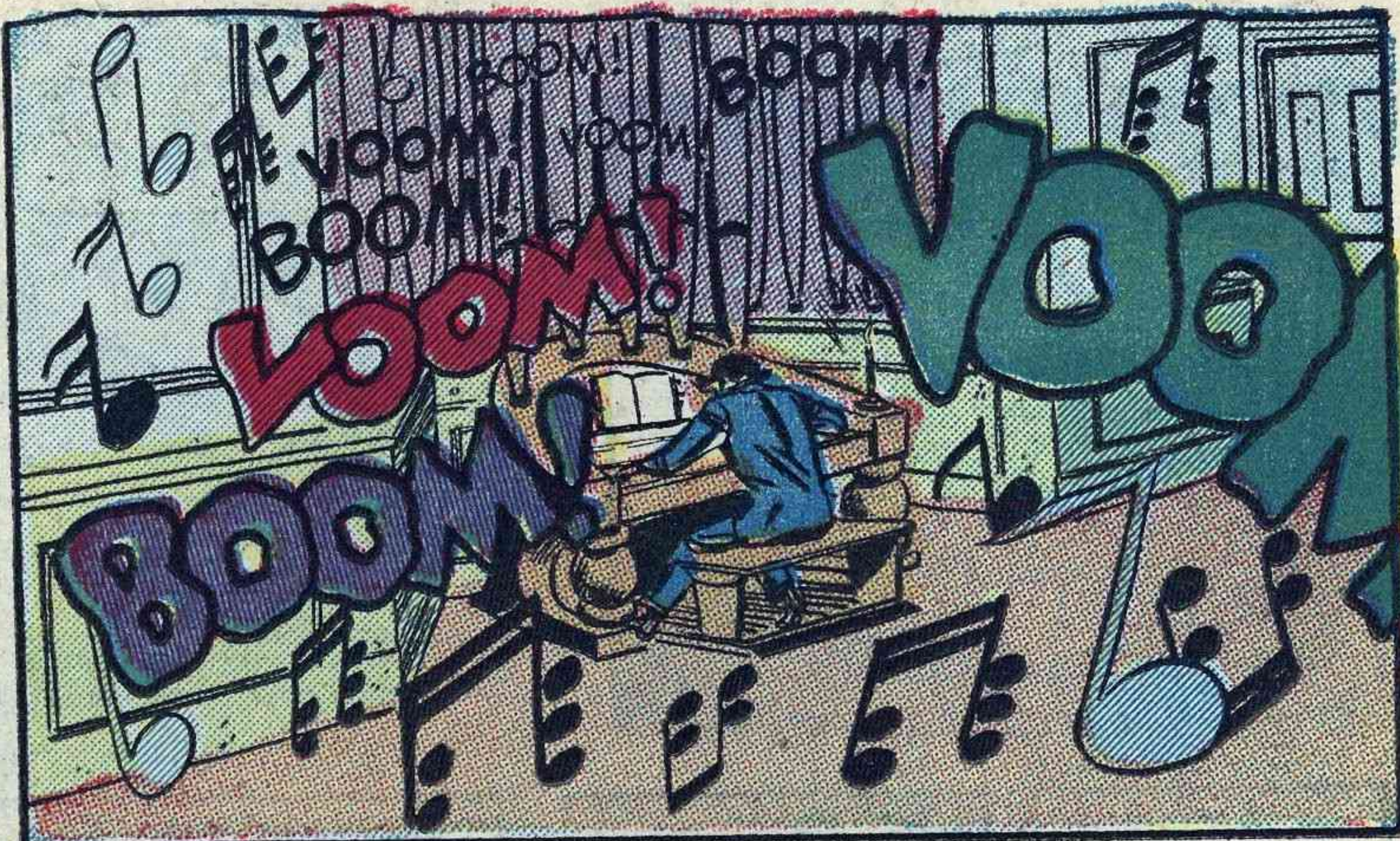
... BUT I CAN'T HELP IT... I'VE GOT TO PUT IT DOWN... GOT TO...



THERE, I'M DONE! IT'S DOWN ON PAPER! NOW TO PLAY IT... THE COMPLETE DIRGE...



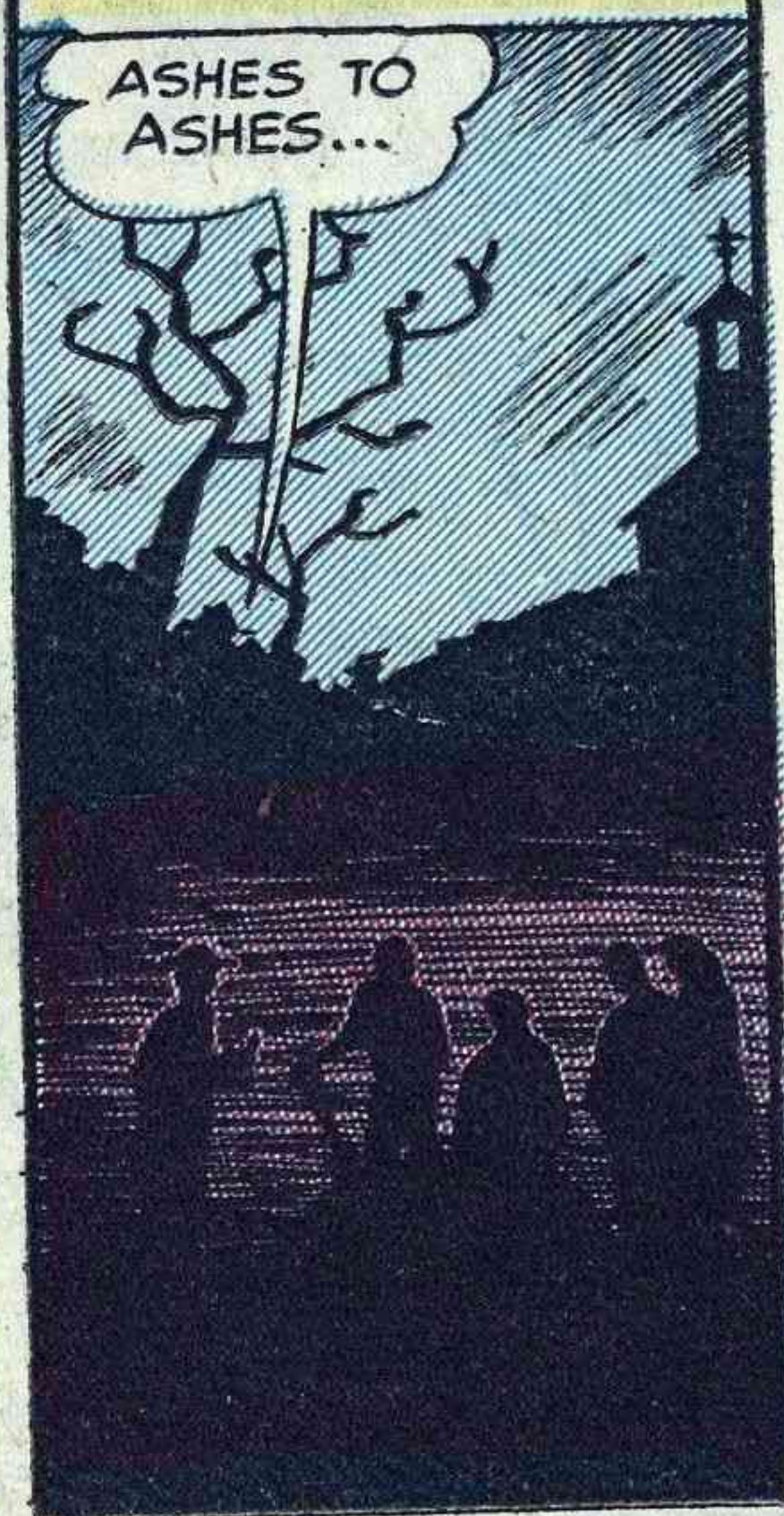
...THE NOTES CRASHED AGAINST THE WALLS ECHOING AND RE-ECHOING THEIR MOURNFUL TALE AGAIN AND AGAIN...



...IT WAS ONE OF THE STRANGEST TALES EVER TOLD...A TALE OF DEATH! FOR AS HIS FINGERS STRUCK THE LAST CHORD OF HIS COMPOSITION OWEN FINLEY FELL IN A HEAP OVER THE KEYBOARD... DEAD!!



A FEW DAYS LATER THE FUNERAL TOOK PLACE...



ASHES TO ASHES...

...SUDDENLY, AS THE LAST SHOVELFUL OF DIRT WAS THROWN ON THE GRAVE...



LISTEN! SOMEONE'S PLAYING THE ORGAN UP THERE!

AND WHAT MUSIC--GIVES ME THE CREEPS! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!

WHAT THE... IT CAN'T BE... THERE'S NOBODY THERE!



HIS OWN FUGUE AT HIS OWN FUNERAL! VERY HANDY! OR SHALL WE SAY, "LOOK, MOTHER, NO HANDS!" NO GETTING AWAY FROM IT, THOUGH-- YOU CAN GET THIS KIND OF ORGAN PLAYING DIRGE CHEAP! HEH HEH HEH!





MR. MYSTERY'S MORGUE

Hey, what gives here? How come so little space? Whatsa matter, afraid I'll get too popular? (*No, just a little law that says we have to print the Statement of Ownership once a year... ed*) Since when did you start worrying about the law? Who do you think you're kidding? (*Never mind about that, get back to work... ed*) Work! Work! Work! That's all I hear from you guys. How about a break once in a while? (*Now don't start complaining... you never had it so good! ed*) Ha! That's a laugh! Why, without me where would you guys be? (*Probably in a respectable business making a good living... ed*) Living! Don't mention that word around me, I'm only interested in the dead! And so are my readers! (*What graveyard did you dig that up in? ed*) Don't you read the mail? That's the kind of stories my readers are interested in. Ghastly little tales of terror about ghouls and goblins, vampires and werewolves, monsters and horror! Sure, I asked them to write in telling me what they wanted to see in each issue and that's what they said. And any of you other readers who have a comment or a suggestion, or even a gripe, just drop a line to:

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I've arrived! Imitation is the first sign of success, so I won't complain this time! (*Hey, you're running out of space... better knock it off... ed*) All right already, so I'll close now! So long for now, readers, see you next issue... with a full page. And don't forget to write to:

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IMMORTALITY!



YOU'RE NOT REALLY CONTINUING THOSE IMMORTALITY EXPERIMENTS, ARE YOU, DR. ROBBINS? ESPECIALLY AFTER THE LAST FAILURE...

YOU'RE STILL ONLY MY ASSISTANT, LYONS, SO WATCH WHAT YOU SAY! IF I WANT TO CONTINUE THOSE TESTS THAT'S MY BUSINESS!



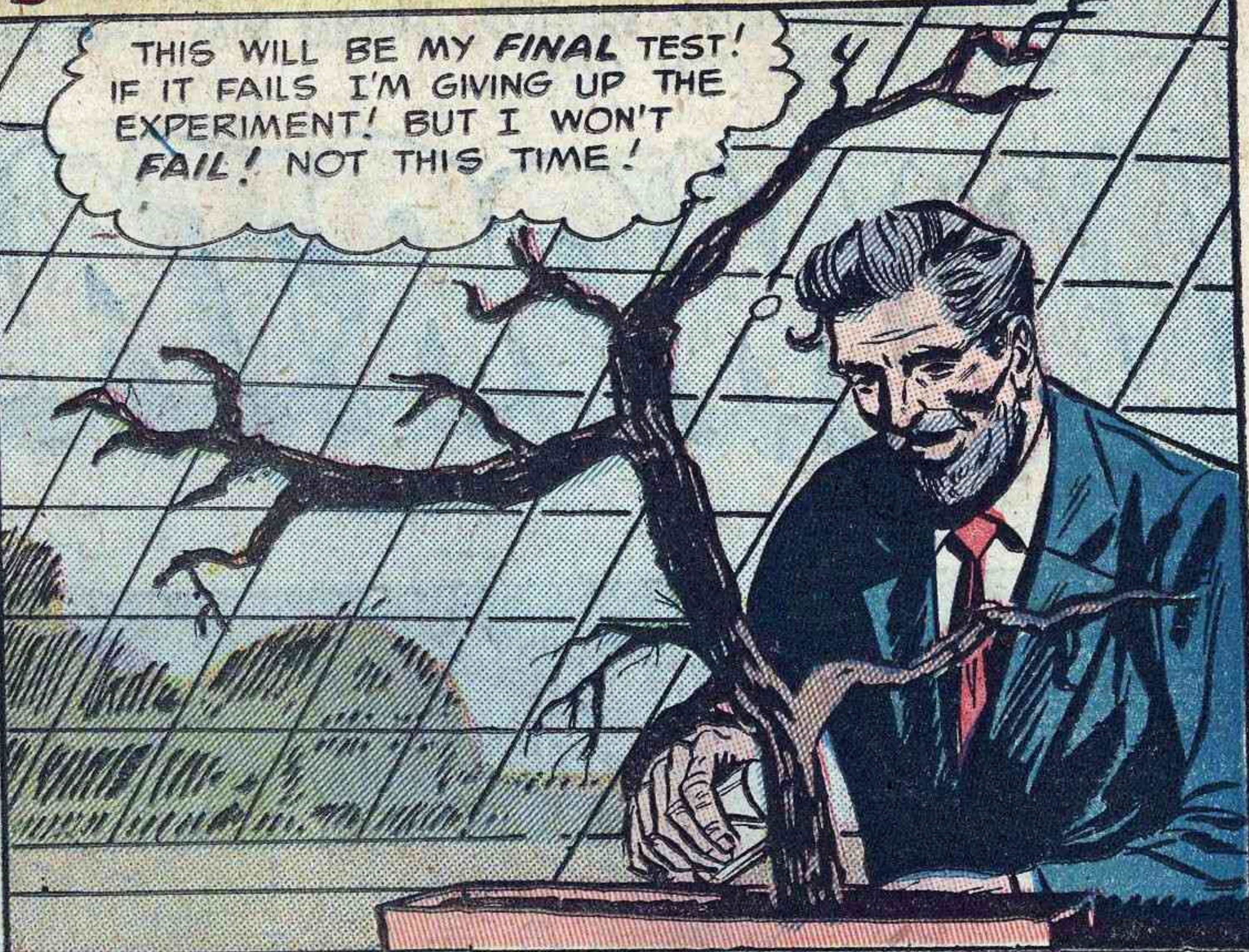
...AND DR. ROBBINS MEANT TO CONTINUE THOSE TESTS! HE HAD GONE TOO FAR TO STOP NOW!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE FIGURES CHECK OUT AND THE SEQUENCES ARE RIGHT! THE FORMULA HAS TO BE TRUE... IT HAS TO BE!

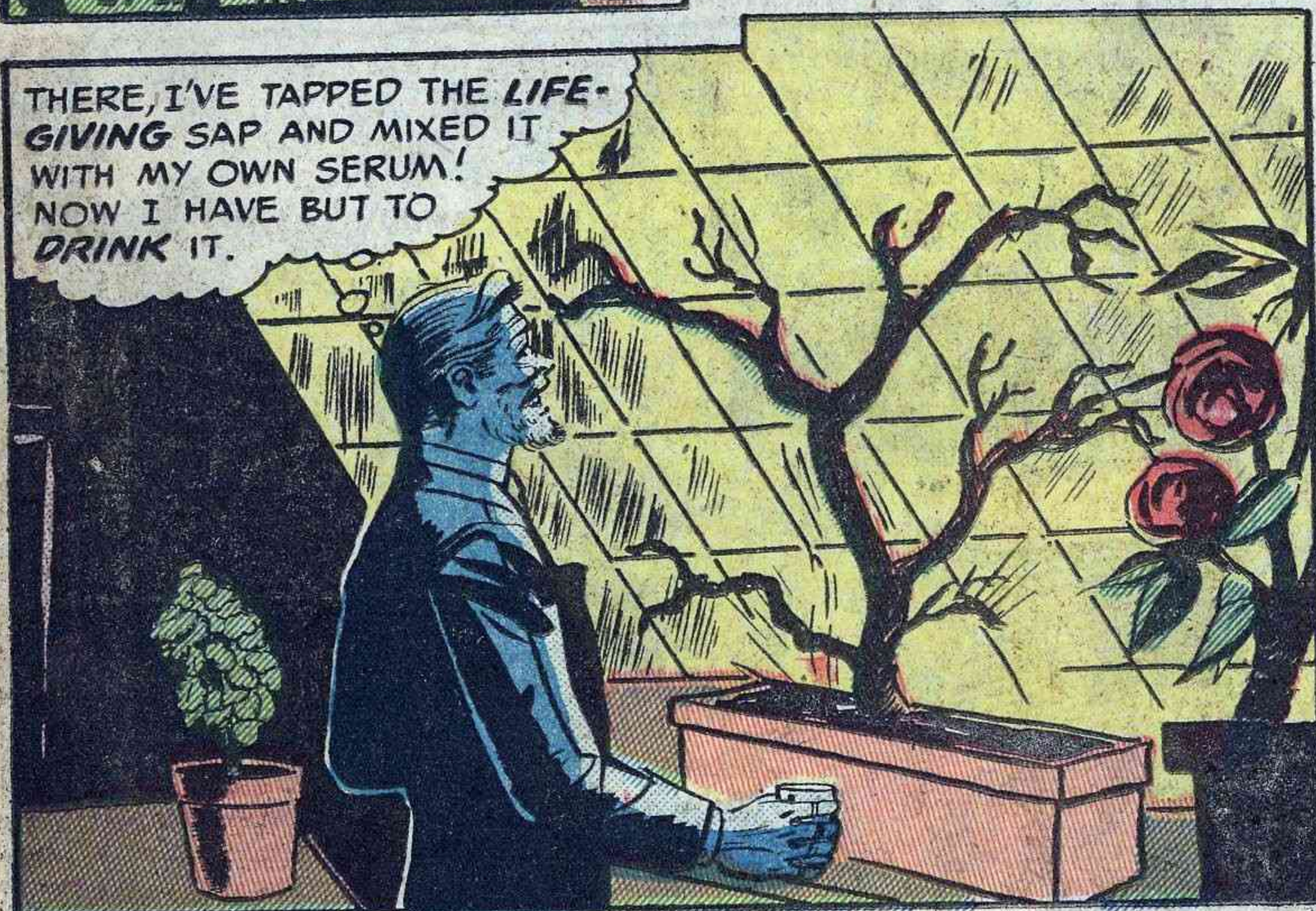


EARLY THE NEXT MORNING IN THE LABORATORY...

THIS WILL BE MY FINAL TEST! IF IT FAILS I'M GIVING UP THE EXPERIMENT! BUT I WON'T FAIL! NOT THIS TIME!



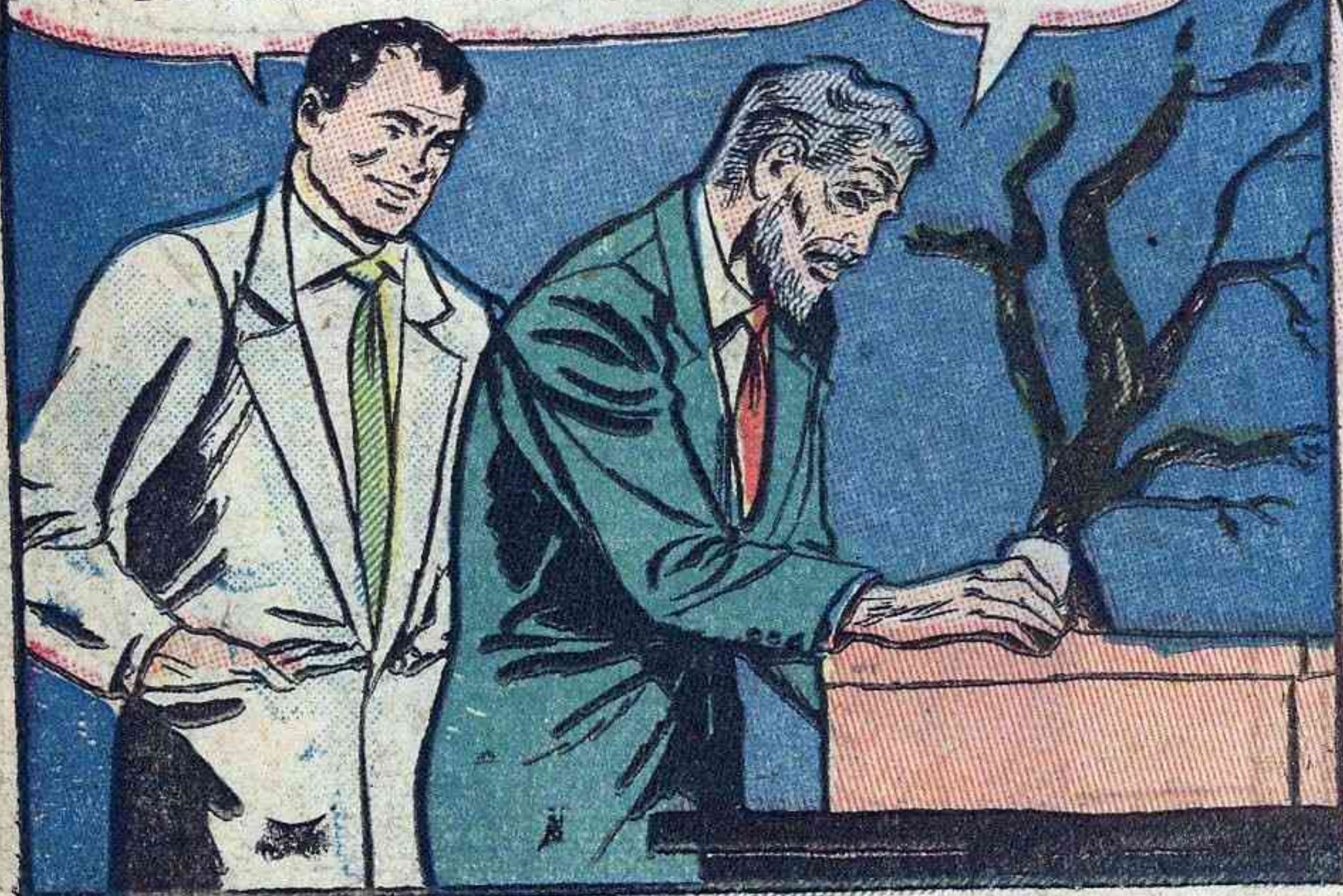
THERE, I'VE TAPPED THE LIFE-GIVING SAP AND MIXED IT WITH MY OWN SERUM! NOW I HAVE BUT TO DRINK IT.



THE LAB ASSISTANT, LYONS, HAD BEEN WATCHING THE EXPERIMENT AND WAS QUICK TO MAKE HIS PRESENCE FELT...

STILL AT IT, EH, DOC? OH WELL, GUESS YOU OLD TIMERS NEVER KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP!

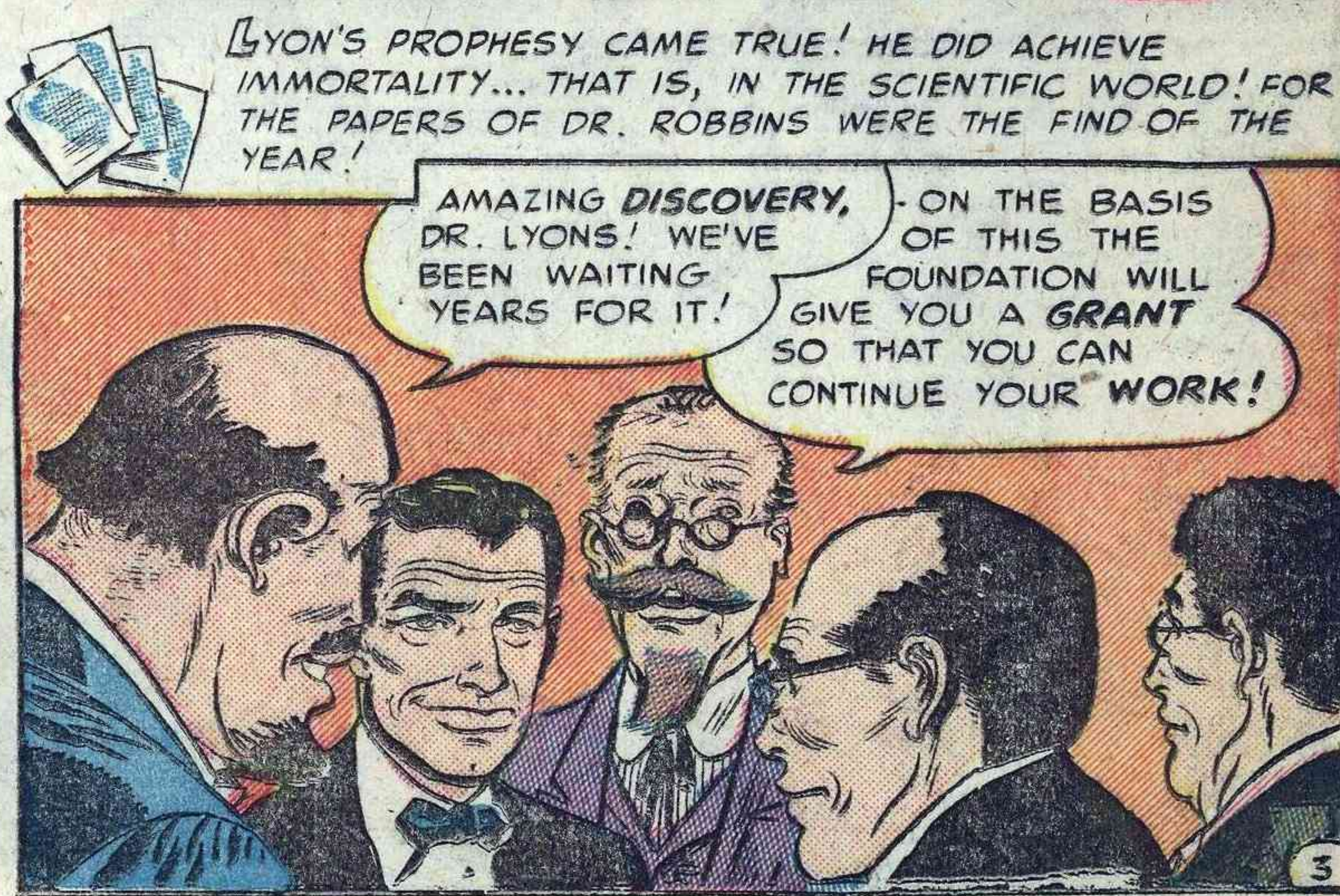
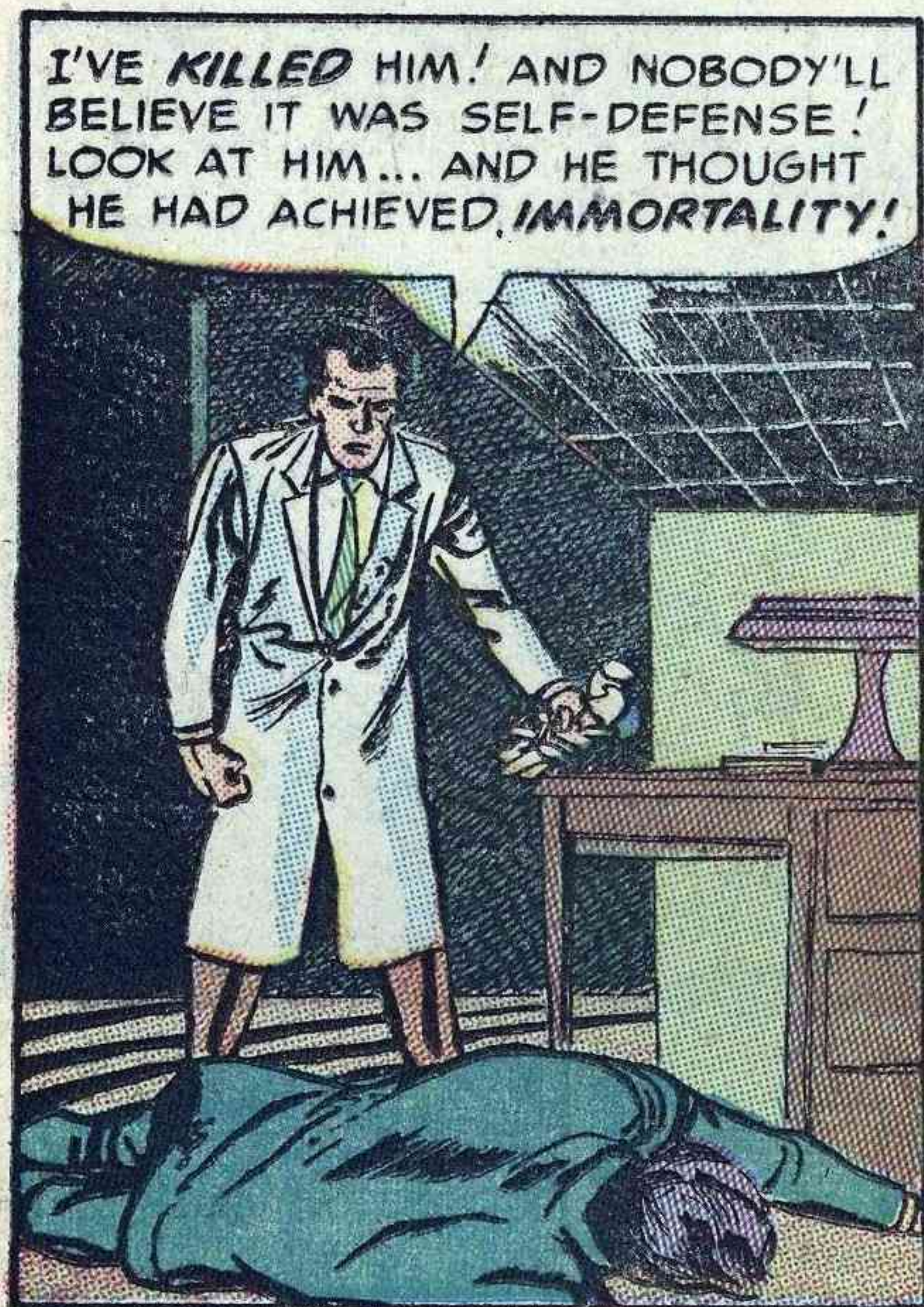
LYONS! YOU WERE SPYING ON ME!



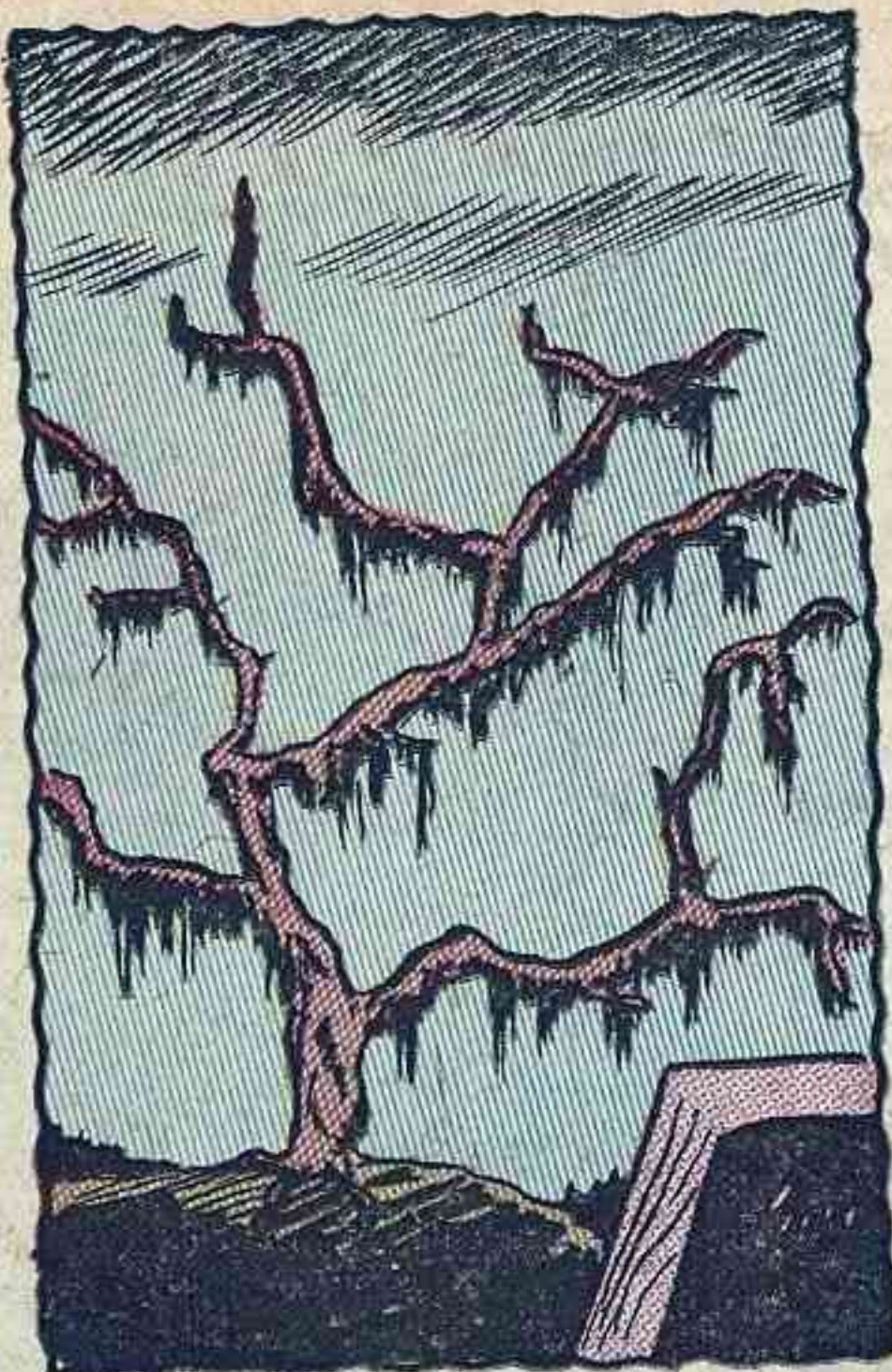
YOU'RE OUT TO STEAL MY FORMULA... YOU WANT THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY FOR YOURSELF!

BUT DOC, I WAS ONLY...





MEANWHILE, IN THE DARK DESOLATE PLACE A STRANGE TRANSFORMATION WAS TAKING PLACE... A TRANSFORMATION FROM THE SECRET OF LIFE ITSELF!



A YEAR LATER, THE NOW FAMOUS LYONS PAID A VISIT TO THE GRAVE OF HIS ILLFATED BENEFACITOR!

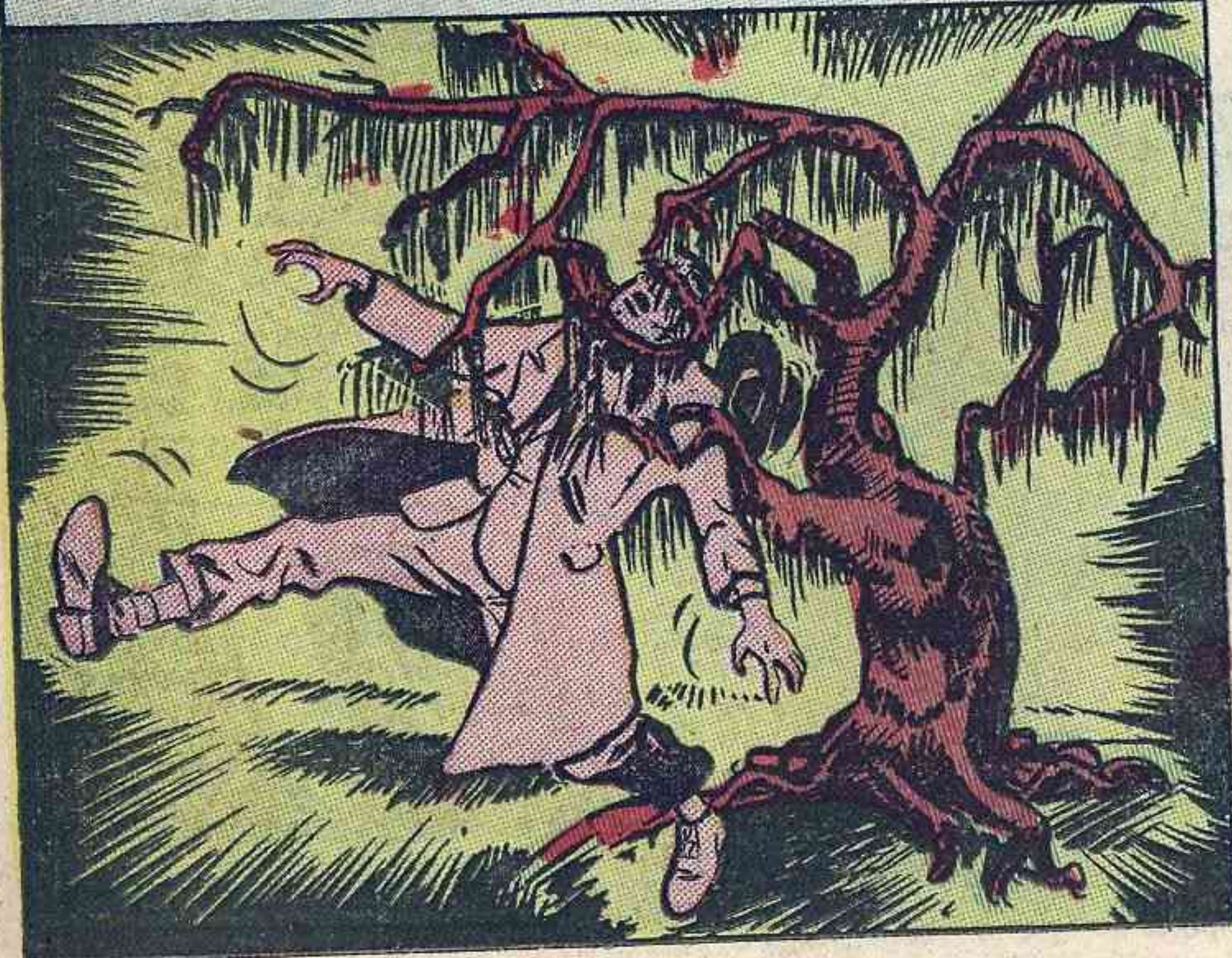
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'VE COME... SOMETHING SEEMED TO **DRAW** ME HERE! PERHAPS IT WAS JUST TO LAUGH AT YOU AND YOUR **DREAMS** OF **IMMORTALITY**!



... THAT **TREE**! 'WHERE DID IT COME FROM!' AND THAT LAUGH... IT'S...



THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION! THE TWISTED GNARLED BRANCHES ENTWINED THEMSELVES AROUND THE STRUGGLING FIGURE... FIRST THERE WAS A SCREAM... THEN SILENCE... THEN DEATH...



SO LYONS THOUGHT DR. ROBBINS WAS A **SAP**! WELL, MAYBE HE WAS -- BUT THIS **SAP**, COURSGING THROUGH THE VEINS OF A STRANGE TREE COULD, PERHAPS, HAVE IN SOME CURIOUS WAY ACHIEVED IMMORTALITY!



THE END

GHOSTS? BAH! WHO BELIEVED IN THEM? SWAMIS? A PHONY,...
JUST A RACKET! THAT'S WHAT DETECTIVE DAN DREWS
THOUGHT. AT LEAST UNTIL HE MET UP WITH...

The **UNEXPECTED!**



PLEASE HOLD
HANDS WITH YOUR
NEIGHBORS. THIS IS
THE ONLY WAY WE
CAN MAKE **CONTACT**
WITH THE
SPIRIT
WORLD!

SPIRIT WORLD!
WHAT A LAUGH! WHO
DOES THAT FAKER
THINK HE'S KIDDING!

OUR STORY STARTS AT
POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I TELL YOU,
EDDIE, THIS GUY'S A **PHONY**! HE'S BEEN PULL-
ING THIS SWAMI DEAL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

YEAH, I READ THE FOLDER! BUT HE'S NEVER
BEEN CONVICTED! ALWAYS JUST AN ARRAIGN-
MENT ON **SUSPICION OF FRAUD**!



THAT'S BECAUSE NOBODY DUG UP ANY
EVIDENCE ON HIM! HE WAS SMART
ENOUGH TO GET **RID** OF IT BEFORE
HIS PLACES WERE RAIDED!

I TALKED
TO SOME
OF THOSE
DETECTIVES
WHO BUSTED IN ON
HIS SEANCES. **THERE
JUST WASN'T
ANY EVIDENCE
TO BE HAD!**



I DON'T WANT YOU TO
THINK I'M NUTS, DAN, BUT
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING
TO THIS GUY! I READ SOME
PAPERS ABOUT HIM... THEY
CLAIM HE'S **NO
FAKER!**

YOU'RE CRAZY IF YOU
BELIEVE THAT! THIS
GUY'S A **PHONY**
AND I'M GONNA
PROVE IT!



C'MON, HE'S HAVING A **SEANCE** TONIGHT...
WE'RE GONNA SIT IN ON IT!

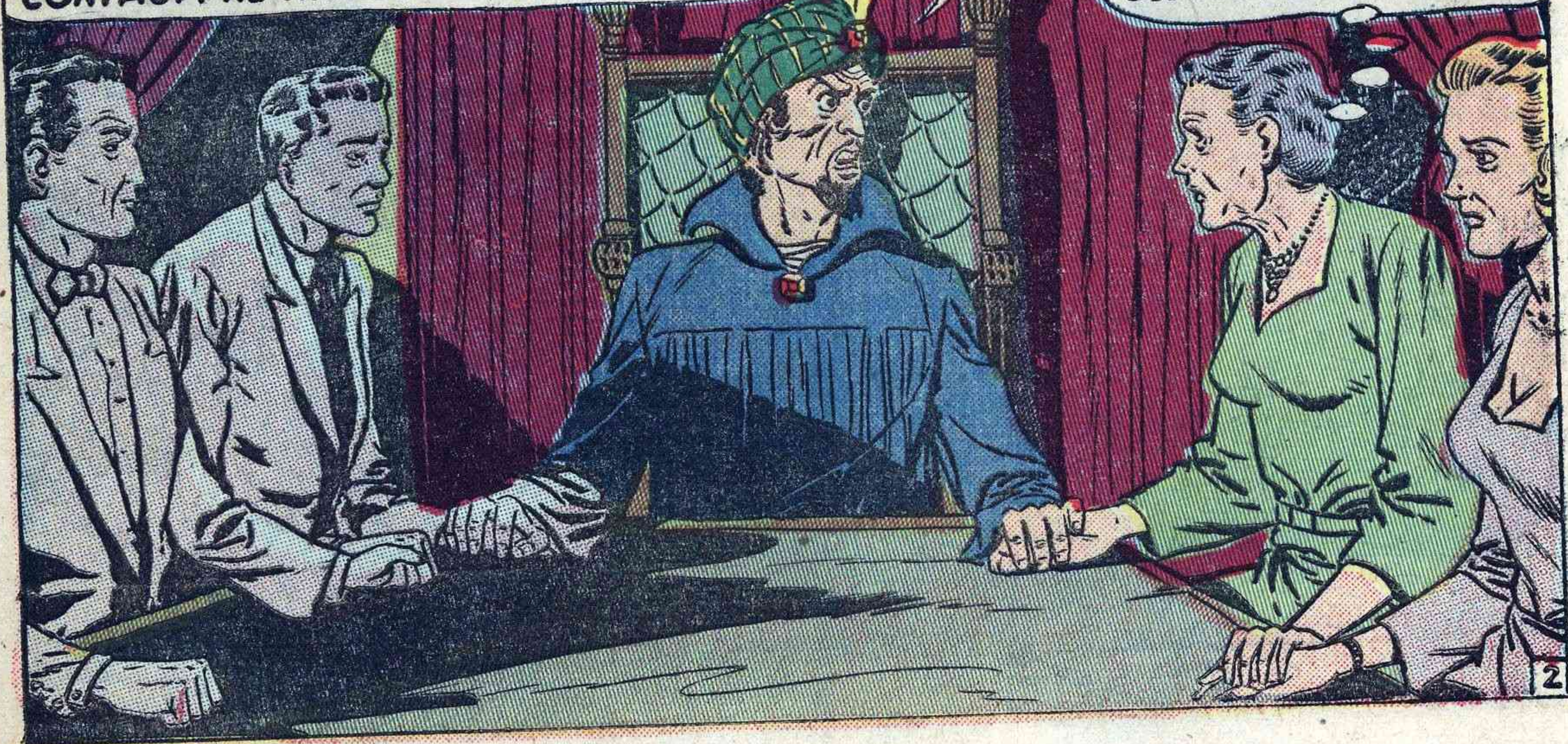


AND THAT NIGHT AS THE SEANCE GOT UNDER WAY...

MRS. DEVOE, IT IS YOUR DEAR, DEPARTED HUSBAND THAT IS TRYING TO MAKE
CONTACT! HE WISHES TO SPEAK TO YOU!

YOU MUST CONCENTRATE,

OH DEAR, DEAR...
I'M TRYING SO HARD...
JOHN, JOHN, I **MUST**
SEE YOU AGAIN... PLEASE...



OH GHOST OF THE **SPIRIT WORLD** SOMEONE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU IS TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT! TRY... TRY... **TRY TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE!**



WHAT AN **ACT!** THIS GUY REALLY HAS IT DOWN PAT!

THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING TO THIS... THERE JUST **CAN'T!**



BUT MRS. DEVOE WAS NOT AS SIMPLE AS SHE SEEMED. AND BEFORE ACCEPTING THE VISION AS THAT OF HER HUSBAND SHE PUT IT TO A SIMPLE TEST!

I HAVE HEARD YOUR **SUMMONS**, OH **SWAMI**, AND I HAVE ANSWERED! I WISH TO SPEAK TO MY DEAR WIFE, LUCY DEVOE!

IT IS JOHN! IT IS JOHN!



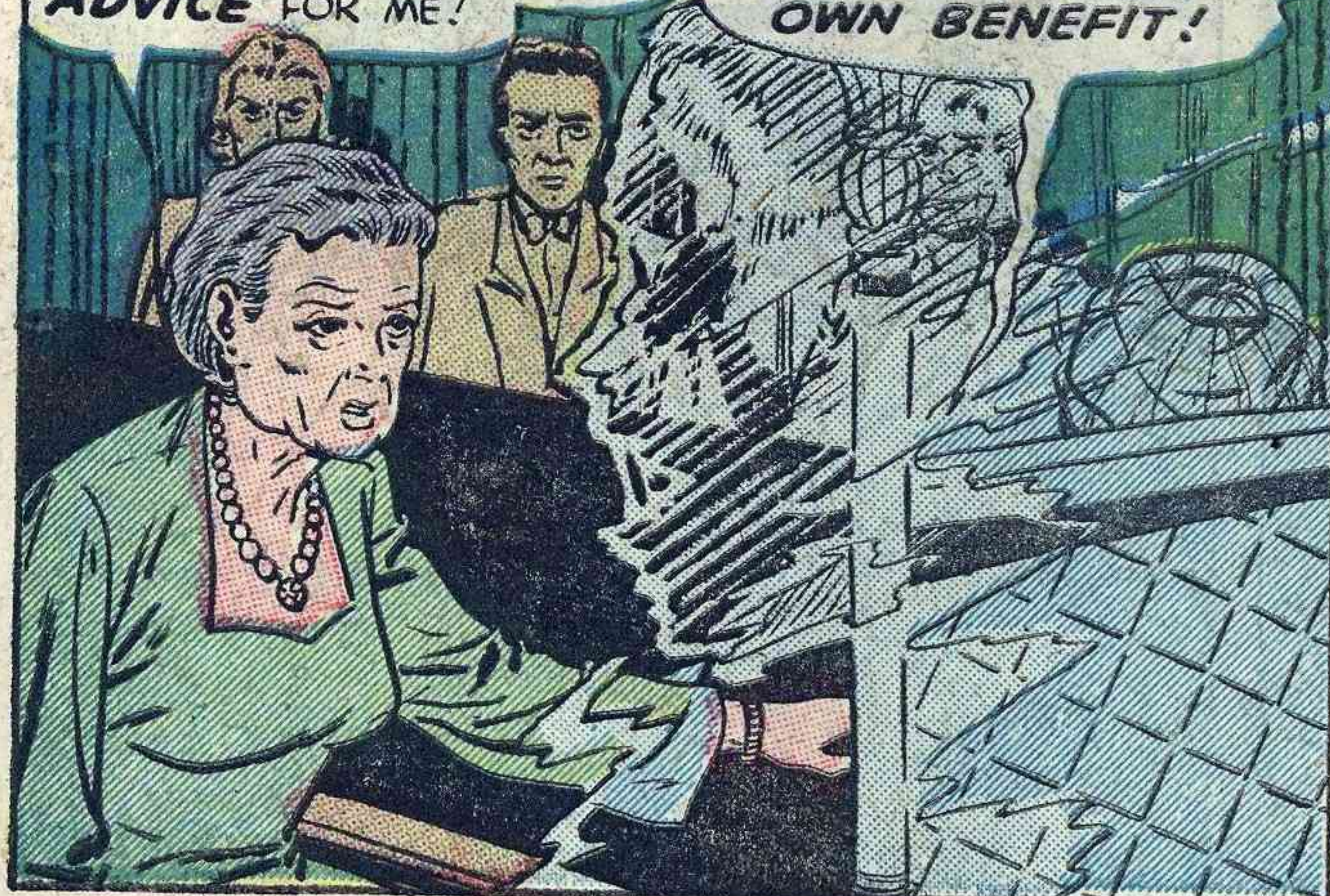
WHAT DOES THE NAME **RED HORNET** MEAN TO YOU?

RED HORNET? THAT WAS THE NAME OF MY **RACING SLOOP!** DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE WON THE LARCHMONT TRIALS IN IT IN 1941?



IT'S REALLY JOHN! ONLY YOU **COULD KNOW** THAT! TELL ME WHAT YOU WILL... THE **SWAMI** SAID YOU'D HAVE **ADVICE** FOR ME!

ASKS OF YOU. I WILL PASS MY ADVICE ON TO HIM!... YOU MUST OBEY! **IT IS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT!**



NOW I MUST RETURN TO THE **SPIRIT WORLD!** BUT I WILL COME **BACK!**

YOU MUST! YOU HAVE GIVEN ME SUCH RENEWED FAITH THAT NOW I CAN GO ON **LIVING!**



IT WAS A PERFECT ACT... EVEN FOOLED ME! BUT IT DIDN'T FOOL DETECTIVE DAN DREWS... NOT ONE BIT...



AND THE NEXT DAY... MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING TO THIS SWAMI, DAN. I CHECKED WITH MRS. DEVOE AND SHE'S CONVINCED THAT **VISION** WAS HER **HUSBAND**!

THE FOOL! WHAT AN **IMAGINATION** SHE HAS!



HOW ABOUT **MONEY**? WE CAN GET HIM ON THAT!

BUT SHE'S NEVER GIVEN HIM A **DIME**! AND HE'S NEVER ASKED FOR ANY!



I TELL YOU, DAN, MAYBE THIS GUY IS **ON THE LEVEL**! THIS SPIRITUALISM ISN'T AS PHONY AS IT SEEMS! WHY I REMEMBER ONCE...

NEVER MIND THAT! I SAY HE'S AS **PHONY** AS A THREE DOLLAR BILL, AND I'M GONNA **PROVE** IT!



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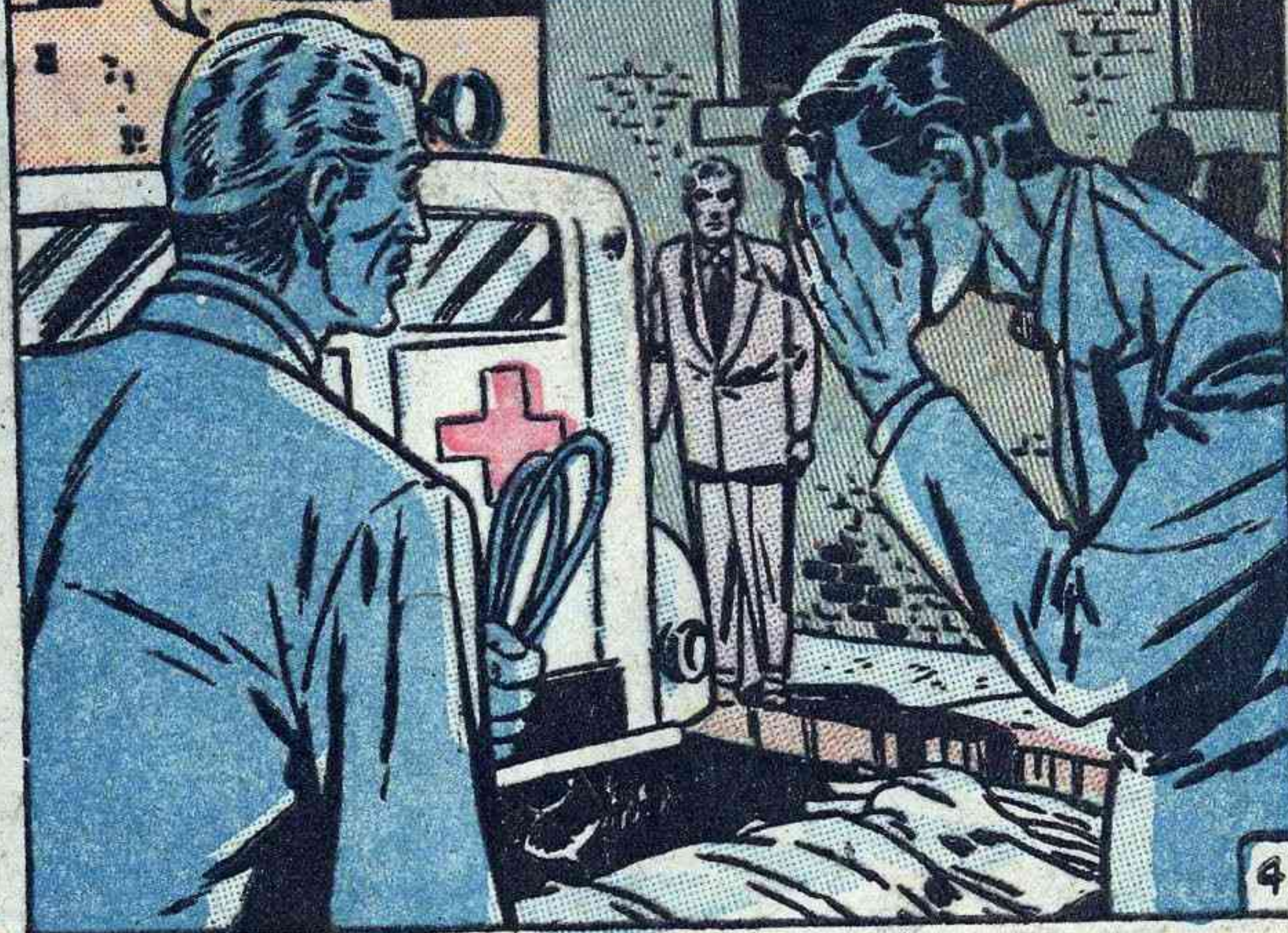
EDDIE! WATCH OUT!



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...

CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM NOW... IT'S TOO LATE!

NO! NO! NOT EDDIE!





DAN BROODED ABOUT EDDIE'S DEATH...
YOU DON'T LOSE YOUR PAL AND
THEN JUST FORGET ABOUT IT...

I **KILLED** HIM! IF I DIDN'T STOP
TO ARGUE HE'D STILL BE **ALIVE!**
THE LEAST I CAN DO IS TO **CON-**
VICT THAT SWAMI... AND I'LL
DO IT... EVEN IF IT
TAKES THE REST OF
MY LIFE!



THAT NIGHT DAN RETURNED TO THE SWAMI'S FOR
THE SEANCE...

AND HERE'S WHERE I'M GONNA
FIND THE EVIDENCE... IT'S **GOT** TO BE HERE,
EDDIE... AND I'M GONNA FIND IT!



QUIET, PLEASE, WE MUST
HAVE SILENCE! WE ALL
MUST CONCENTRATE ON
TRYING TO REACH THOSE
OF THE **SPIRIT WORLD!**

I'M CONCENTRATING ALL RIGHT,
BUT NOT ON WHAT YOU THINK!
MISTER, TONIGHT I'M GONNA
PROVE THAT YOU'RE A
PHONY!



I **CAN'T** SEEM TO **CONTACT** YOUR
HUSBAND, MRS. DEVOE! SOMETHING OR
SOMEONE SEEMS TO BE **BLOCKING**
THE CONTACT!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

YOU'VE MADE **CONTACT!**
BUT IT'S NOT HER HUSBAND!
IT'S... BUT IT **CAN'T**
BE! EDDIE--



YES, IT'S ME, DAN! SEE, I TOLD YOU THAT THERE WAS **SOMETHING** TO THIS **SPIRITUALISM** ... IT'S ON THE **LEVEL!** YOU CAN'T PIN ANYTHING ON THE SWAMI... BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO PIN!



NOBODY'S **SEEN** MUCH OF DAN SINCE THAT NIGHT. GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO **LOOK** FOR HIM... BUT WE KNOW, DON'T WE? ANY OLD **SEANCE** WILL DO... HEH... HEH... HEH...



HEY!

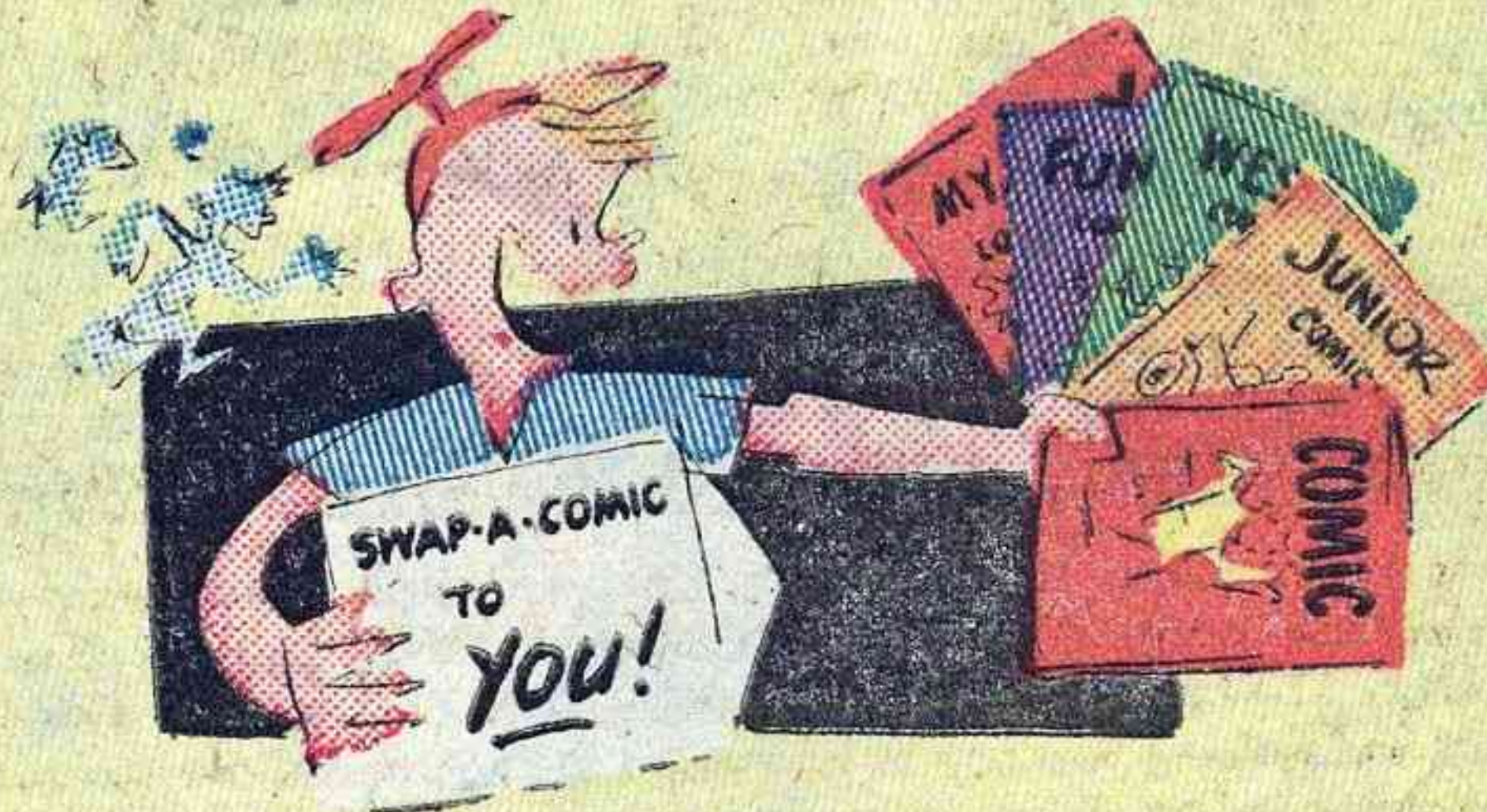


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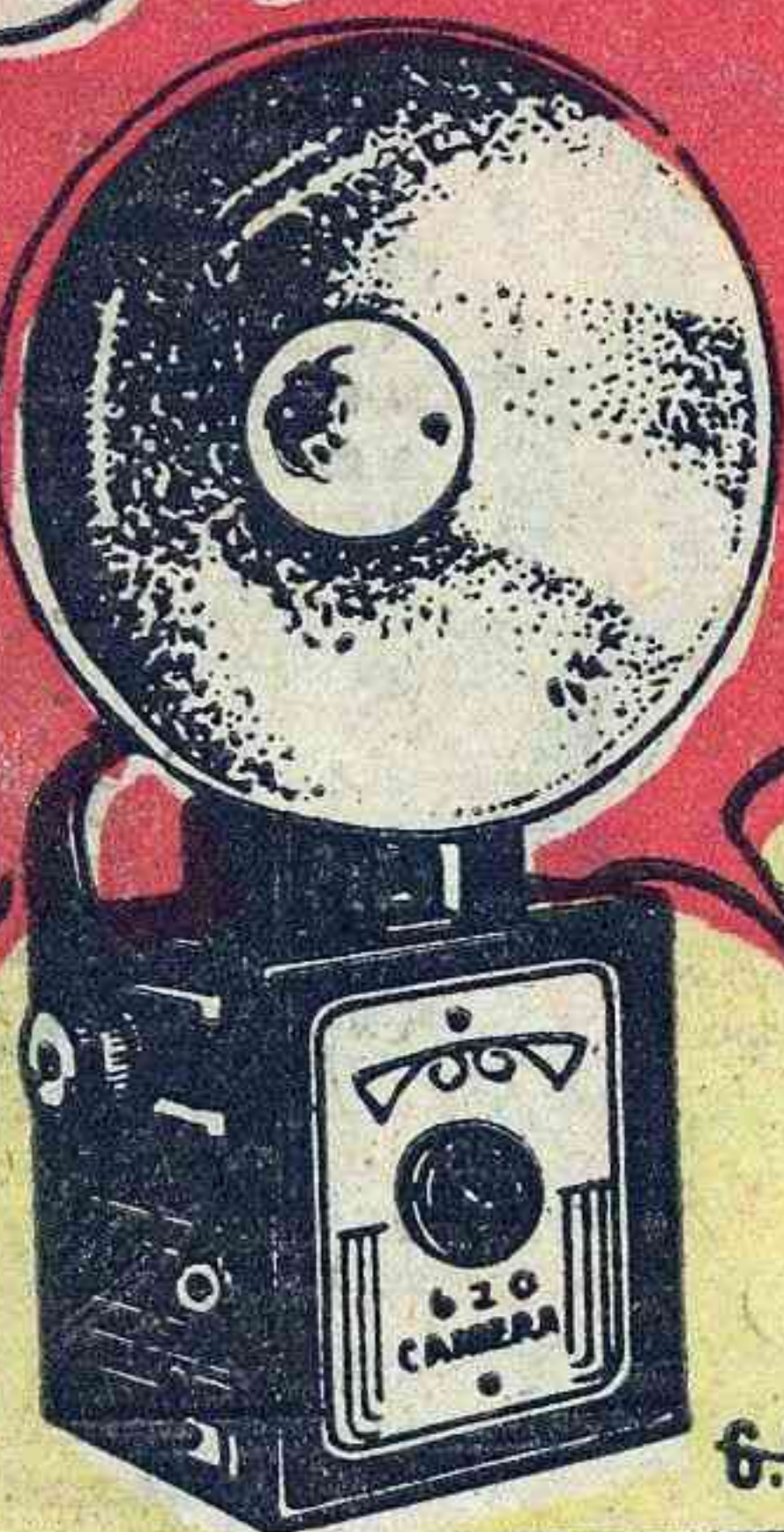
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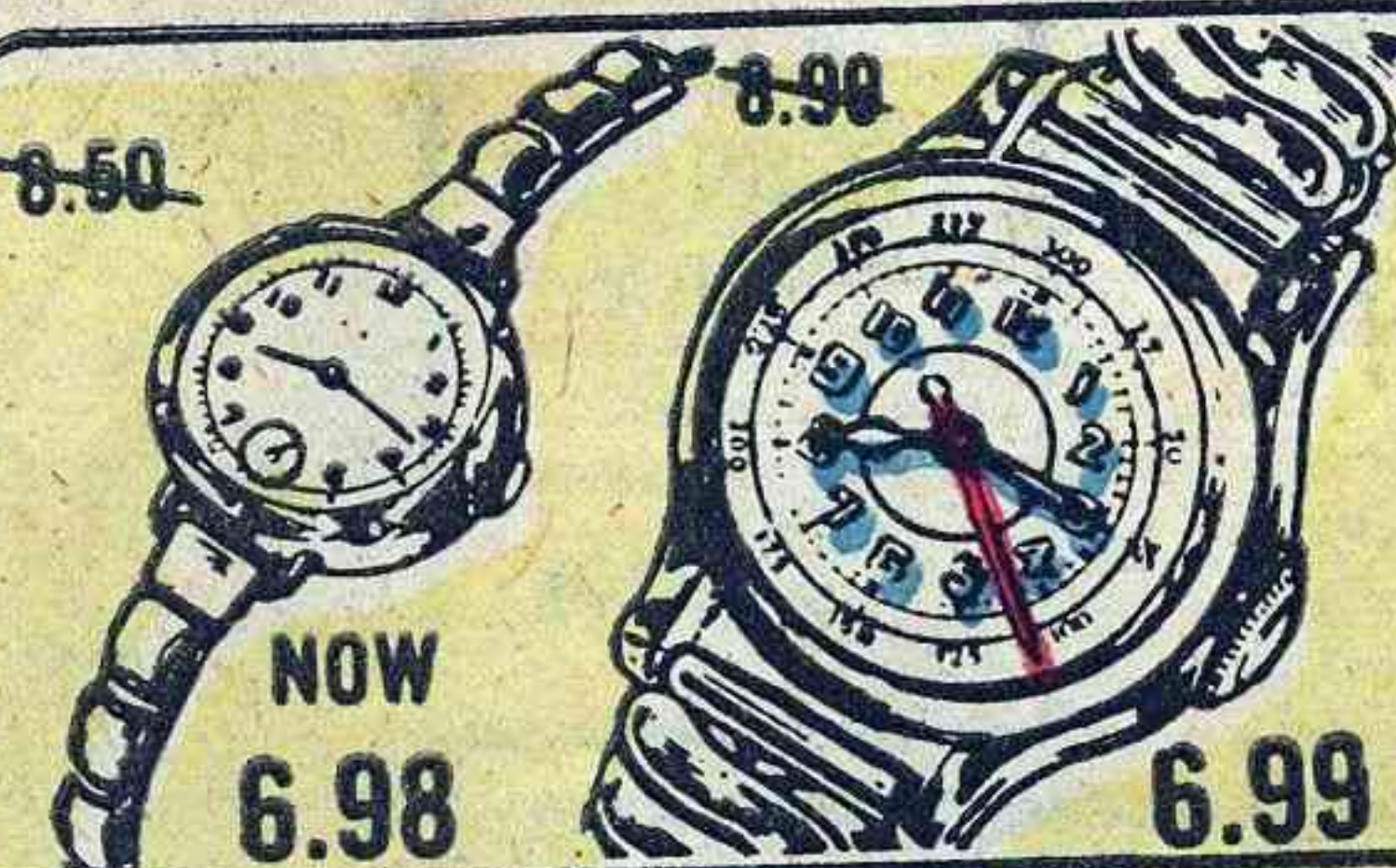


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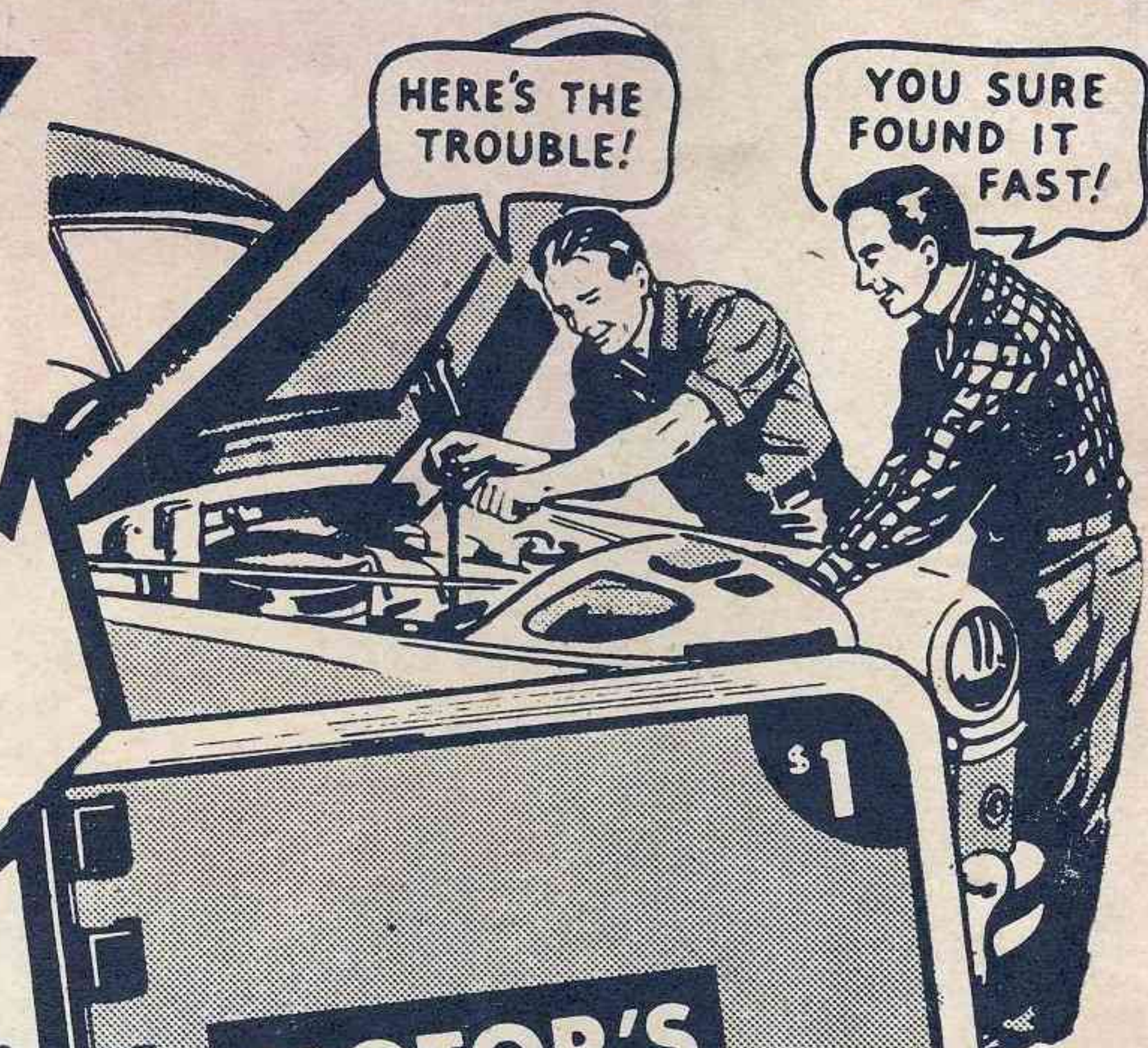
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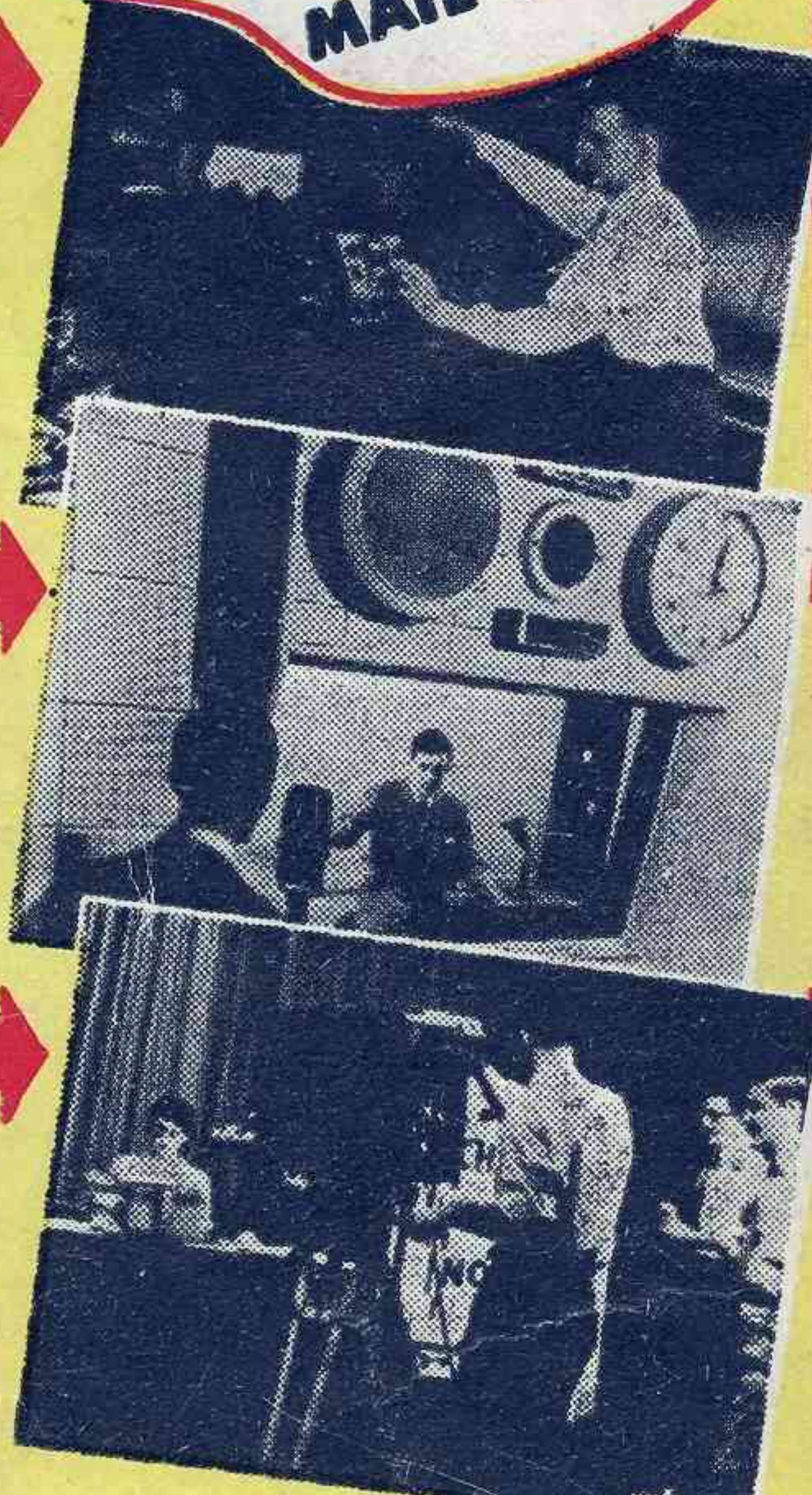
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